

Your essential daily news | weekend, July 24-26, 2015

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PEDESTRIANS ONLY IN SUMMER TEST

Artist Christian Toth works Thursday on an argyle pattern for Argyle Street. The city is running a pilot project on a section of Argyle; starting next week, the street will go pedestrian-only from Thursday to Sunday until September. JEFF HARPER/METRO

'Nothing else like it'

PRIDE

Parade will be followed by funk band, **Drag Queens**



Stephanie Taylor Metro | Halifax

For the 28th year in a row, "a sea of people" promises to swell the streets of downtown Halifax for the annual pride parade this weekend.

Colourful floats, live music, dancing and, of course, drag queens are all part of the festivities, but vice-chair and entertainment director Heather Green couldn't pinpoint any one thing that draws thousands to the annual event, which this year starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

"There's nothing else like it that happens in Halifax," she

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Months of planning go into the highly anticipated event, which continues to grow every year, she said.

"People can just expect for it to be bigger, more exciting and louder," Green said.

The parade will start at the Halifax Dockyard and end on the Garrison Grounds. Once at the grounds, parade-goers can enjoy entrainment by local funk band Like A Motorcycle as well as a performance by the Halifax Drag Queens and a reading from spoken-word poet El Jones.

The parade marks the second and final weekend of this year's Halifax Pride festival, which wraps up July 28.



It's really kind of amazing how many people come out.

Heather Green, Halifax Pride



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Pop-up space to create new vibe in downtown Halifax

The Chameleon part of effort to bring back **Barrington**

Rebecca **Dingwell** For Metro | Halifax

If you've ever craved waffles after the sun goes down, keep an eye on the new business on Barrington Street.

The "pop-up" style business is aptly named The Chameleon. It will aim to bring something new to downtown Halifax every weekend starting in August.

Co-owners Allison Ghosn and Rebecca Singbeil are teaming up with Kitchen Door Catering for their first event: a waffle bar.

'The brunch craze is huge,' Ghosn said on Thursday. "We thought, 'Why don't we take that up a notch and do it at night? and then focus on the best part of brunch.

The pop-ups are for fun, but the owners also want to add a charity component. In the case of the waffles, they'll be helping out Nourish Nova Scotia. The provincewide organization supports nutrition and food literacy programs in schools.

'(We're) looking at ways how, in this experience of the event, to bring people closer to this



Rebecca Singbeil, left, and Allison Ghosn stand in front of the future Barrington Street business. JEFF HARPER/METRO

organization," Singbeil said.

Not only will the space host a different event every week, but the appearance will change as well. For the Aug. 7 waffle bar, the Black Market is helping The Chameleon create a garden-themed space.

The women have plans for

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Co-owner Allison Ghosn

what other events down the road might be, but they don't want to disclose them to the

"I think that's (part of) The Chameleon," Ghosn said. "To keep you on your toes and keep

you curious about the space. Singbeil promised a wide REVIVAL

Over the past several years, many Barrington Street businesses have been closing. The Book Room, Little Mysteries and - most recently - J&R Grimsmo, are just a few places the city has said goodbye to.

Ghosn and Singbeil want to be part of Barrington's revival.

'It used to be kind of a bustling street and it still has a lot of traffic," Ghosn said, "but there isn't a lot of interesting things going on. So we hope we can kind of help set that into motion."



A portion of the proceeds from the Aug. 7 waffle bar will be going to Nourish Nova Scotia. Cash donations also accepted.

variety of fun stuff coming.

"It's not always going to be events at night; we're looking forward to doing daytime events and for a whole range of audiences," she said.

Events for kids, events for every age group, and kind of niche events, as well.'



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Visitors check out a model unit of one of the future condominiums being built in Burnside. Located on the shore of Wrights Cove, the new residential complex will feature both condominiums and town houses, complemented by a collection of amenities and commercial spaces. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Waterfront village planned for development in Burnside

LIFESTYLE

Seapoint calls location the ideal site for their project

Rebecca Dingwell For Metro | Halifax

A waterfront village next to Burnside Business Park might sound like an oxymoron, but



Living the condo life

The waterfront village residential spaces, in addition to being located in Wrights Cove, will feature heated underground parking for those colder winter months, a party room with a kitchen, a BBQ patio and a quest suite.

that's exactly what the folks at Seapoint are aiming to create.

Near the Dartmouth Yacht Club at 50 Marketplace Dr., plans are being put into motion for a condominium building, town houses and commercial spaces.

"We thought the site was ideal for a self-enclosed village," developer David Osypowich said at the launch event on Thursday.

"It's set on probably the most breathtaking, most picturesque cove in all of Halifax."

The sizes and prices of the units will vary. According to Osypowich, the bulk of the one-bedroom units will fall into the \$219,000 to \$280,000 range.

If you want the priciest unit in the building, you should start saving soon — it's just shy of \$600,000.

The Seapoint team is aiming to have construction started in fall 2016 and to have people moving in by spring 2018.

Kourosh Rad, an urban



This image depicts a rendering of what the completed waterfront condominium development will look like. CONTRIBUTED

planner with WSP, said he got involved with the project a couple of years ago.

"We started thinking about a bigger picture rather than just looking at one building at a time," said Rad "We said, 'let's think about it as a whole community."

From there, WSP began to work closely with the developers to visualize what that community would look like.

Rad said the location is a great fit for a number of reasons



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Kourosh Rad, urban planner with WSP

"We're right next to Burnside Business Park, which has 18,000 employees," said Rad, "but there's really not many residential options here, so a lot of people have to commute back and forth."

Rad also echoed Osypowich's feelings about the view.

"Those things combined, plus other great connections to other parts of the city: downtown Halifax, downtown Dartmouth ... makes it an ideal location for developing here."

Denise Stevenson of dh Design partnered up with Keri Koch of Design360 to plan the interior of the buildings. Stevenson said they drew inspiration from the nature in the area — especially the water.

"It's right at your doorstep," she said. "Not many developments really have that."

Stevenson added they want the units to create a feel of "trying to bring the outside in."

"Having that driftwood look and feel from the flooring, but you know, more refined," she explained.

Although the development isn't standing yet, Seapoint is planning amenities such as a guest suite and heated underground parking.

"Whether you're a first-time buyer or sort of an empty-nester, I think there's something about the space," said Stevenson. "I think it hits a number of demographics."

Land trust model touted

ACCOMMODATION

Alternate idea for affordable housing, says



Stephanie **Taylor** Metro | Halifax

Housing may be murky territory for the municipality, but one councillor wants to explore what could become a new model of affordable housing in Halifax.

On Thursday, Coun. Jennifer Watts requested a staff report on the different types of community land trusts, which is essentially a housing model whereby a city enters into a lease agreement with a nonprofit association that develops and manages the property for residents, including low-income earners.

"I know there is interest in the part of the community groups to know, 'if this something that may or may not work," she told Thursday's committee, afterwards saying Got-



Coun. Jennifer Watts is shown with Coun. Waye Mason in this file photo. Watts wants council to consider community land trusts for affordable housing. JEFF HARPER/METRO

BACKGROUND

There are many variations

of community land trusts,

Jennifer Watts explained,

with examples to study in

the United States, Britain,

as well as in Vancouver.

tingen Street has been named as potential area for the model.

However, Coun. David Hendsbee cautioned discussions around ownership and housing are a "slippery slope" for the city to enter, especially since it is beyond the city's jurisdiction.

"We do not have a housing responsibility. Nova Scotia government takes that on. Not us."

"Frankly, until we get our our snow removal done, we lines painted properly and should stay out of stuff we're not supposed to be involved with," Coun. Stephen Adams said Tuesday.

Watts acknowledged she only has a broad understanding of the model herself, and that the report would determine if these type of community trusts are permitted under provincial legislation, as well as whether the city could enter into such agreements with community groups using an existing

administrative order that deals with the disposal of surplus property.

Thursday's committee eventually approved her request for a report, which would be completed by a sub-committee with the United Way, as a part of their ongoing housing strategies.

In the meantime, the executive director of the North End **Business Association believes** community land trusts are worthwhile to consider.

"I think it's a great idea. I think we need a mix of housing models," Patricia Cuttell-Busby said Thursday.

Depending on the model used, she sees that value lies in fact "there's a direct relationship between the housing and investment in community," she

For example, the money col-lected, either through rent or sales, would be collected into a pot and then re-invested back into the development itself or other neighbourhood infrastructure.

'Rather than going to an individual it goes into this community trust and reinvested back into the community," she said Thursday.



🛑 IN BRIEF

You'll get hungry just thinking about this

Plans to pilot a mobile food market in Halifax rolled ahead at city hall Thursday.

The city's community planning and economic standing committee unanimously approved a staff report on the project, which examined the feasibility of donating a Halifax Transit bus to the 21-week

The program would see the bus travel to neighbourhoods in Spryfield, Fairview, North and East Preston, as well as north-end Halifax and Dartmouth, to sell fresh fruits and vegetables to community members that have barriers, either financial or otherwise, to access to healthy

Many councillors espoused their support for the project, which is now headed to regional council for final ap-



Plywood falls onto man in workplace accident

Police say a worker was taken to hospital after plywood being lowered from an apartment roof fell onto him below.

The accident happened at about 10:30 a.m.

Thursday at 235 Willet St. in Clayton

The injured man, who was in his 50s, was working on a machine as the plywood was being lowered.

According to police spokesman Sgt. Pierre

Bourdages, several pieces of plywood fell off the crane and onto the vic-

Paramedics arrived on scene and took the man to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.



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DALHOUSIE ROBOTS GO HEAD-TO-HEAD The crowd at the Dalhousie Sexton Campus gym watches a robot do a test run Thursday as part of the annual competition between third-year electrical and computer engineering students. Each team must design a robot to collect coins, raise a flag and avoid various hazards. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Baby needs protection, court finds

Girl suffered serious injury under watch of her parents

A Cape Breton Supreme Court justice has ruled that a 16-monthold girl is in need of protection and ordered the child be placed under the care of the Department of Community Services.

Justice Lee Anne MacLeod-Archer ruled there was convincing evidence to support the finding that the baby was in need of protection, in accordance with the Children and Family Services Act.

"She suffered serious, non-accidental injuries while in the care of her parents," said MacLeod-Archer, adding she deemed the father the most likely person to have inflicted the injuries while



No criminal charges were laid against either parent.

the mother failed to adequately supervise and protect the child.

The names of the parties involved are prohibited from publication, as is any information that could lead to their identity.

The judge declared that all of the injuries occurred at the same time and were the likely result of the child being a victim of a violent shaking.

Some 15 weeks after the child was born in 2014, her parents took her to hospital.

After a series of tests, it was determined the child was suffering from extensive bleeding on the brain, as well as brain bruising. She had also incurred extensive injury to her eyes, along with a leg fracture. CAPE BRETON POST

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Innocent bystander struck by gunfire

CRIME

Shots fired at Seahorse **Tavern during** robbery: Police



Police say a 23-year-old man standing inside a Halifax bar was hit by gunfire launched by a person outside involved in an altercation with someone else.

The shooting happened just before 2 a.m. Thursday at the Seahorse Tavern, 2037 Gottingen St.

Halifax Regional Police say an altercation was happening behind the bar between two men, one of whom was being robbed, when shots were fired.

One of the rounds went through the wall and hit the victim inside the popular watering



Thursday morning's shooting was the second in the city in as many days. On Wednesday at 1:30 a.m., several shots were fired at a home on Cook Avenue in Halifax. No one was injured.

He was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

"Multiple shots were fired and the victim (of the shooting) was inside," said Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Const. Stacey Opalka. "He was hit by one of the

shots."

Opalka said the victim of the robbery wasn't injured and he is refusing to co-operate with investigators.

Police don't know if the robbery was a random incident, but Opalka does say the robber is the one who fired the gun.

There have been no arrests.



Bullet holes can clearly be seen in the back door of the Seashorse Tavern. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Police looking for pharmacy thief

Halifax police are asking for the public's help in locating a woman they say robbed a pharmacy in Dartmouth.

Police say she walked into a Family Drug Mart, located at 382 Portland St. in Dartmouth, on Wednesday around 4:20 p.m.

She headed to the counter and then threatened staff with a can of sensory irritant and demanded drugs, police allege.

Police say no one was injured, but the woman eventually ran off with an undisclosed amount of prescription drugs and cash.

They describe the woman as white and approximately six



Video image of the suspect. CONTRIBUTED

feet tall.

Police say at the time of the robbery, she wore grey sweatpants, a hoodie pulled over her ĥead, and a black bandana tied around her face. METRO



Back door kicked in during home invasion

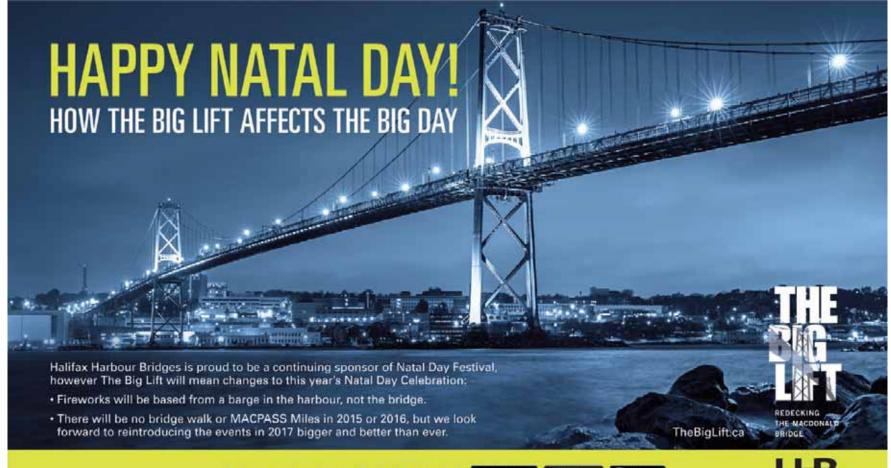
Police are looking for a man who kicked in a back door during a home invasion in Halifax on Wednesday night.

The incident happened in the 3600 block of High Street, with a 48-year-old man and a 33-year-old woman home at the time.

After kicking in the back

door, the man entered the home and then fled without taking anything.

No one was injured. The suspect, who was wearing a mask and a hoodie, wasn't located by officers, including a K9 team, who descended onto the scene. The man was last seen running through neighbouring vards, METRO













Randall Steven Shepherd, left, and Lindsay Souvannarath in Halifax in March.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Accused in mall plot going to trial

Preliminary hearing wraps up for pair of young people

Two young people accused of plotting to shoot shoppers at a Halifax mall have been committed to stand trial on several charges, including conspiracy to commit murder.

A preliminary hearing, which lasted a total of three days, wrapped up Thursday for 23-year-old Lindsay Kantha Souvannarath of Geneva, Ill., and 21-year-old Randall Steven Shepherd of Halifax.

A routine publication ban prohibits reporting what was heard during the hearing to ensure the accused receive a fair trial.

They have also been charged with conspiracy to commit arson, illegal possession of dangerous weapons and making a threat through social media.

The Crown alleges the two ac-

cused, along with a 19-year-old man found dead in his Halifax home, had planned to attack the Halifax Shopping Centre on Valentine's Day. None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Judge Anne Derrick told the court the accused are expected to appear Aug. 6 for a pre-trial hearing.

Outside court, Crown attorney Mark Heerema said the pair would face a jury trial in Nova Scotia Supreme Court.



Crown attorney Mark Heerema

He said it was unclear when the trial would be held but suggested it would likely take up to several weeks in the fall of 2016.

He said the files disclosed by the Crown to the defence include hundreds of thousands of pages, many of them screen-grabs from social-media sites.

"It's becoming less uncommon for cases to have a lot of social-media evidence," he said outside the court.

"It's a product of people using social media, texting or cellphones more frequently. Certainly, this is an exceptional case for the amount of disclosure. It is truly voluminous."

Shepherd and Souvannarath remain in custody at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Halifax. Neither one has applied for bail. Heerema said the Crown would oppose such an application.

On Feb. 14, Halifax police chief Jean-Michel Blais announced that police had thwarted an alleged mass-murder plot, saying the investigation started as the result of an anonymous Crime Stoppers tip received early on Feb. 12.

Police later confirmed that a third suspect, 19-year-old James Gamble, had fatally shot himself on Feb. 13 in the Halifax suburb of Timberlea.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police looking for owner of diamond ring found last month

Are you missing something?

Police in Nova Scotia are asking for the public's help in locating the owner of a diamond ring that was found in the Mount Uniacke area

According to the RCMP, a person found the ring in a parking lot off Highway 1 in Rawdon in early June.

"The ring was recently turned in to the RCMP and does not appear to have been reported lost or stolen," a release states.

For the owner to get the ring back, they need to either have ownership papers or a photo of themselves wearing the ring.

Anyone with information can contact the Rawdon detachment of the RCMP at 902-



The missing ring. CONTRIBUTED

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'All you really need is a bike and a drive to fundraise': Tour rider

Cyclists hop on their wheels to raise money for MS Society

Rebecca **Dingwell** For Metro | Halifax

Shannon Gilby got involved with the MS Society of Canada eight years ago.

My aunt was diagnosed with MS, so I wanted to find a way to help out," Gilby said Thursday.

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is thought to be an autoimmune disease of the central nervous system, according to the MS Society of Canada.

The disease attacks the protective covering of the body's nerves. This covering, called myelin, is needed for the transmission of nerve impulses through nerve fibres. If the myelin is heavily damaged, nerve impulses may be completely disrupted. The 26th annual Gear Up

to End MS bike tour is taking place this weekend. Gilby is participating for the fifth time.

The first time Gilby rode in Shannon Gilby, 10-time Gear route and a the tour, she hadn't been on a bike in over 10 years.

"The bike tour is for any age group, any fitness level," she

said. "All you really need is a bike and a drive to fundraise."

The fundraiser is a twoday bike ride from Windsor to Wolfville The bike tour is for and back. The any age group, any cyclists can choose between fitness level. a 46-kilometre

70-kilometre

Up to End MS participant route. They stay overnight at Acadia University

before making their way back. "I thought it was going to be impossible to do before I did it for the first year," Gilby said.

Fortunately for beginners, there are rest stops every 15 kilometres.

"It's a really pretty scenic drive, too," Gilby said. "There's lots to see."

In her five years as a cyclist in the tour, Ğilby has raised

Tim Dunlop is the director of development for the MS Society, Atlantic Division. He said the average rider raises around \$900 each year.

BACKGROUND

Cycling for change

Three individuals have raised over \$10,000 each for this year's Gear Up to End MS bike tour.

"It's to support MS programs and services for people affected by the disease here in our Atlantic Canadian communities," said Dunlop, "as well as to contribute to national research."

🛑 IN BRIEF

Police arrest Halifax man on multiple drug charges A 51-year-old Halifax man

faces drug charges following a Wednesday night police search.

Halifax Regional Police said Thursday officers executed a search warrant at about 7 p.m. inside a Dawn Street apartment in the Clayton Park area, where they discovered and seized cannabis resin, cocaine, marijuana and drug para-

Terry Marshall Clayton was arrested "without incident," said police.

He was held in police custody overnight and was set to appear in Halifax provincial court Thursday to face drug possession and trafficking charges. METRO



PRIDE PARADE DIVERSITY, AUTHENTICITY AND LOVE Kids write messages on huge DAL letters in the quad at Dalhousie University on Thursday. The letters will be part of Dalhousie's float in the Pride Parade on the weekend. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Problems with city services due to job losses, says union



Zane Woodford Metro | Halifax

With city contracts front and centre this year, the union representing the workers who paint the lines on the municipality's



If the public wants to know why work isn't getting done, they should speak firmly with their councillors.

Joel LeClerc, union VP

roads says Halifax councillors shouldn't be surprised the work isn't getting done.

At Tuesday's council meeting, councillors called this the worst year on record for service deliv-

Many councillors voiced concerns about line painting and other city services, blaming city staff for work completion delays.

But CUPE 108 said in a release issued the next day that the councillors are the ones responsible, given the cuts they voted to make to the city workforce.

A release from the union says each road crew is short five workers — the number needed to run a line-painting crew - and on a night when weather is cooperating, equipment sits unused



Maintenance troubles

The union says this year's long winter and rainy summer are also causing problems for road crews, along with increased responsibilities due to new summer festivals and spe-

because there are no workers

"If the public wants to know why work isn't getting done, they should speak firmly with their councillors," union vicepresident Joel LeClerc said in the release.

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Police cleared after man run over, killed

CBRP vehicle backed over man in 60s

A collision between a Cape Breton Regional Police vehicle and a 66-year-old man last spring was at most a mistake caused by momentary inattention, according to a report on the incident filed by the provinces independent Serious Incident Response Team.

The SIRT team released its report Thursday the April 4 accident in North Sydney that saw the man die at the scene of the

The police officer's actions do not constitute a criminal offence and do not justify any charges under the motor vehicle act, according to the report, which also states the family of the deceased male have indicated they consider the incident to have been an accident.

The man who was struck by the police vehicle on Perry Street



Police blocked off access to Perry Street in North Sydney when a man died in April. CAPE BRETON POST

had been helping a young boy who had fallen out of a secondstorey window in a neighbour-

A number of other people had

gathered in the area, including the young boy's grandparents and the scene was somewhat chaotic, according to the SIRT

MORE INFO

The 66-year-old victim died at the scene.

The three police vehicles and ambulance that arrived were parked on the street which was narrowed by large snow banks.

Two police officers were in a police sport utility vehicle speaking by phone with Community Services regarding possible issues related to the boy's care at home.

During the call the ambulance appeared to be backing up to take the boy to the hospital. The officer driving the SUV began to back up to allow the ambulance to leave more quickly.

At that time the man who had called 911 was now standing behind the SUV, apparently helping with traffic, according to SIRT, and was not seen by the driver of the police vehicle.

The SUV backed over him, and then went forward. CAPE BRETON POST

Two teenagers charged with theft

Two teen boys are facing charges after allegedly breaking into several cars recently in Bedford.

Halifax Regional Police said Thursday that patrol officers arrested two 15-year-old boys last weekend on Rocky Lake Drive after investigating items stolen from vehicles in the area between July 16 and July 18.

Police officers haven't been able to track down the owners of all the stolen property, so are asking anyone whose vehicle was broken into around Shore and Windrock Drives during the above time frame to call them at 902-490-5016.

"Police remind citizens that thefts from vehicles are typically



Both boys will answer to charges of theft under \$5,000, possessing stolen property under \$5,000 and trespass by night in Halifax provincial court at

crimes of opportunity, with the sight of items being a tempta-tion," the release adds. "Citizens should remove all items from their vehicles, lock the doors and close the windows upon

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IN BRIEF

Fire destroys abandoned house in Middleton

The exact cause of an early morning fire that demolished an abandoned house on Brooklyn Road has not been determined, but RCMP said it was probably not suspicious. "It was an abandoned property with no power. Unless

we hear differently over the next few days, it's not under investigation," Middleton Fire Chief Mike Toole said.

RCMP Corp. Tim MacDonald said that police believe the fire was caused by a lightning strike, rather than anything malicious.

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Deer hunting OK'd for first two Sundays

A ban will be lifted on the first two Sundays of the general deer hunting season in Nova Scotia, the Department of Natural Resources announced Thurs-

The change will apply to all wildlife in season on those dates except moose.

Natural Resources Minister Zach Churchill said the decision follows a public consultation process that

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Natural Resources Minister Zach Churchill

drew more than 22,000 responses.

"The result was very close and so we saw that as an indication that we needed to find some middle ground and a

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balanced approach to this," he said.

Churchill said he believes the decision will ultimately be supported by most Nova

Sunday hunting will be allowed Nov. 1 and 8.

The department also said amendments to Wildlife Act regulations will clarify the distance hunters need to stay back from Christmas tree and agricultural operations.

The changes will also make it easier for hunters to help farmers deal with nuisance wildlife.

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Premier Stephen McNeil says the province is trying to recruit more psychiatrists and mental health nurses. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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MENTAL HEALTH

Premier speaks out as hospital unit closure looms

Nova Scotia is not the only one grappling with a shortage of mental health professionals,

Premier Stephen McNeil said Thursday.

Earlier this month, the Aberdeen Hospital in New Glasgow announced it would temporarily close its eight-bed mental health unit in August because of a staffing short-

The closure could last several months.

Opposition parties have called on the Liberals to intervene, with Progressive Conservative critic Chris d'Entremont saying the province's mental health system is in crisis.

McNeil said the staffing shortage at the Aberdeen Hospital is an ongoing issue.

"There's obviously an HR problem," he said. "At various times, it's been nurses that's been a shortage or psychiatrists. In this case, it's both."

McNeil said efforts are underway to recruit new Any time when you psychiatrists and nurses as quickly as possible. However, he said the search for new nurses in particular is difficult given

a shortage in

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tions.

He stressed the government takes mental health issues seriously despite the impending unit closure in New Glasgow. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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revenue for 2014-15 was \$123.5 million, the Liberal government announced Thursday.

The Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries and Casino Corporation released its financial statements, which show "gaming revenue remains largely unchanged for the second year in a

row," at just \$242,000 higher, according to a news

About \$6.3 million of the financial year's total went toward "responsible gambling programs, education and treatment," the release

The funds were generated through operators the Atlantic Lottery Corporation and Casino Nova Sco-



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Curling club near last end

Club president

John Armstrong

Membership drop-off may mean closure

It should be celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, but instead, the Liverpool Curling Club may be shutting its doors due to lack of membership. Club president John Armstong

said the organization's remaining 30 members are struggling to fig- It is a place where the water bill or ure out ways to not only do you go taking over the open this fall, and the prospects are to go to curl; there winter. looking bleak.

"We just haven't got enough members," Armstrong

said. "Last year we had 30 seniors, and the operating costs are \$40,000 a year."

He said the club could survive if it had between 60 and 100 members, and possibly a little help from the Region of Queens Municipality.

The remaining members are currently undertaking a membership drive, trying to attract new and former members.

"We have a list of all the old members that belonged; they're all going to get a phone call to find out if they're interested," he said.

The club also has been hit with a \$900 electric bill, citing a possible leak, and is asking the Region of Queens Municipal-

ity for help, not for cash, but perhaps by forgiving

The club also are social events. has a committee looking into how other curling clubs, like

those in Barrington and Digby, manage to stay open.

The club does rent out its premises to groups and organizations, but Armstrong said it's looking for ideas for more uses when curling is not in season. QUEENS COUNTY ADVANCE



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Cold murder case still disturbs

YARMOUTH

Teenage girl's grisly slaying remembered 50 years on

It's been 50 years and still there is a lot of intrigue, interest and sadness surrounding the murder of a teenage girl that took place in Yarmouth on July 29, 1965 — so much so that on the evening of July 21, 2015, around 250 people participated in a walking tour to retrace the steps of the victim, Thais Marie Haskins.

Tour leader Ken Langille told the participants there are still a lot of unanswered questions from that night. But it was evident among many in the crowd that there are still a lot of memories as well.

That a teenage girl — who was visiting Yarmouth — was the victim, disturbed and frightened many in 1965.

"It's probably one of the more spectacular cases of tragedy that our community has seen," said Langille, who added to this day he's personally not convinced



An extra edition of the Yarmouth Herald that was published after a man was charged for the death of Thais Marie Haskins. contributed/yarmouth vanguard

that the guilty party went to jail.

The girl — and there are discrepancies in reports as to whether she was 16 or 18 — had been one of about 300 teenagers to attend a dance at the youth centre on Queen Street. The dance ended at midnight but Haskins left around 11:40 p.m. to walk

back to her aunt's house at 52 Tooker St.

Her body was discovered a short distance from the residence the next morning.

Becky Babin was one of the of teenagers at the dance that night.

"We left at 11:30 p.m. because I had to be home by 12," she recalled, saying she was walking with around five other girls. She thinks Haskins may have crossed their path as they were walking.

The next morning when we heard the news it was terrible,' she said.

Haskins had been stabbed repeatedly and her head had been

You never thought something like that would happen in Yarmouth.

Becky Babin

struck with a rock, although Langille said witness evidence suggests these events didn't occur at the same time. Langille said the multiple stab wounds were done with a small, blunt knife that didn't penetrate deep. He said an autopsy concluded the girl actually died of suffocation as a result of someone stuffing rocks down her throat.

The murder investigation was a large one, with around 180 people interviewed.

Robert Randall Comeau, a young man from Digby, was charged and convicted of the girl's murder. He entered a confession while being interrogated, although Langille questions if he was pressured into one.

Between the time of the murder and the time of an arrest, terror gripped Yarmouth. Parents didn't allow their children

out at night or let them wander far from sight.

Yarmouth streets were eerily deserted night after night as people stayed in their homes. Those who didn't lock their doors before, locked them now.

The group that gathered for the walking tour included people who were at the dance that night, people who remembered the case, people who have read about it and others who weren't even born when it happened. YARMOUTH VANGUARD



CONVICTED

Robert Randall Comeau, who was 21 when his trial was held the following year, was sentenced to die by hanging, but before his execution date the death penalty was repealed and he received a sentence of 25 years instead.

He was released early from that sentence. He continued to maintain he was innocent of the girl's



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Beached whale freed

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Stranded orca saved after six hours of being stuck on rock



A transient killer whale has been rescued after she beached herself on some rocks in Hartley Bay on B.C.'s northern coast Wednesday morning.

The emotional story of the stranded orca's rescue was posted on Facebook on Wednesday, where it has since been making waves on social media.

"She cried often, which tore at our hearts, but as the tide came up there were many cheers as this whale was finally free after (six-plus) hours of being stuck on this rock," reads the Facebook post from the group Whale Point.

'It was a team effort, and fortunately on some level this transient orca understood that



A volunteer works to keep an orca alive after she became stranded on some rocks in Hartley Bay on B.C.'s northern coast Wednesday. COURTESY CETACEAN LAB

we were trying to help."

Hermann Meuter, director of whale research group Cetacean Lab, said volunteers spent seven hours trying to keep the distressed marine mammal, a female calf, alive until the tide came back up.

He said the group placed blankets on top of the whale and poured seawater over her, .

Eventually, the tide rose again and the whale was able She was very calm... It was

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Hermann Meuter

to leave the rocks.

"It was incredible to see how careful and how calm she was to get herself to negotiate herself out of the situation," he said.

"She was very calm, very patient. It was awesome to watch."

Around 4:15 p.m., as the tide rose, she slowly moved forward and gave "one kick with her tail and she was free," he said.

"She took one big dive, and then she was gone," said Meuter. "She was free.

Man robbing house points gun at girl, 7



Kieltyka Metro Vancouver

A distraught seven-year-old girl had a gun pointed at her before handing over a jar of coins to intruders during a recent home invasion in Vancouver.

Vancouver police say the girl and her family won't soon get over the trauma of the violent armed robbery on June 17, in which two men forced their way into a home in the 3300 block of Dieppe Street in east Vancouver, stole a number of valuables and sent a man to hospital with head injuries.

You can only imagine what kind of impact this will have on this young girl," said Vancouver police spokesperson Sgt. Randy Fincham.

"It's not something this family will ever forget.

Fincham said the two suspects wearing reflective construction vests forced their way into the home through the front door. Several adults were home at the time.

As the home invasion was happening, the young girl ensuspects.

One of the two robbers turned his attention to the young girl and demanded money from the young girl," said Fincham. "The only money she knew of was in the jar. She gave it to them hoping these guys would take the jar and go.

But the robbery continued until the men had stolen several items, including a rare Rolex Yachtmaster II watch, and physically assaulted one of the adult males.

One suspect was armed with a handgun, but no shots were fired during the incident.

Fincham said there is nothing in the family's background to "cause concern" or help investigators understand why this family was targeted.

The first suspect is a white man between the ages of 25 and 45. He has a slim build, shaved head and full sleeve tattoos on both arms.

The second suspect is a darkskinned man, believed to be in his 20s, with a medium build and a thin beard. He was wearing a Puma baseball cap.



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A Calgary developer aims to make healthy living easier with a portable Bluetooth scale called the Slate Scale that you can carry with you to check your food. COURTESY RANA VARMA

Dining out? Take along your scale

Bluetooth device delivers nutrition info using phone

When trying to live healthy, it's easy to count the pull-ups, push-ups and sit-ups, but sometimes we forget to count the calories.

One Calgary developer is aiming to make healthy eating easier with a portable Bluetooth nutrition scale called Slate Scale. It connects to an iOS or Android app on your phone to deliver calorie and

IN BRIEF

Three people missing in **Drummondville fire**

Authorities say three

nutrition information based on your serving size and meal selected. It also picks up on your eating habits.

"For breakfast, most people typically eat the same thing,' said Rana Varma, co-founder of Slate Scale. "It will recognize that and instead of keying it in every time, it would just



It would ... prompt you with your common breakfast items.

Rana Varma

prompt you with your common breakfast items.

The scale is small enough to fit in a purse or jacket. You can place food directly on the stainless steel surface, or put it on a plate and the scale will adjust accordingly.

The app offers recipe suggestions and shares data with popular fitness apps, like Fitbit and MyFitnessPal.

Currently, Slate Scale exists only as a working prototype with the developers, but Varma hopes to begin a Kickstarter crowdfunding campaign in August.

For more information, visit www.slatescale.com. AARON CHATHA/METRO



UN review raises concerns on Canada

people are missing after a fire in an apartment build-The United Nations' first review ing in Drummondville in central Quebec. Provincial police say it is too early to say whether anybody is dead.

They gave the update at a news conference in Drummondville Thursday. The cause of the fire

is not yet known but it is believed to have started on the second floor of the three-storey building. About 50 firefighters

from the town and surrounding communities had the blaze under control a few hours after it began in the wee hours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

in 10 years of Canada's compliance with an international rights treaty has resulted in concerns being raised on a swath of issues from pay equity to new anti-terror legislation.

In a report released Thursday, the United Nations Human Rights Committee said positive steps have been taken since the last time Canada's adherence to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights was reviewed.

But the report detailed more than a dozen areas where it finds Canada's approach lack-

Among the committee's worries is that sweeping powers contained in the new antiterror bill may not contain enough legal safeguards to protect people's rights.

In particular, the report raised doubts about elements of the legislation, known as C-51, that expand the mandate of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the new information sharing regime between security agencies and the changes to the no-fly program.

The government should consider rewriting the law to ensure it complies, impose better safeguards so information-sharing doesn't lead to human rights abuses and put in place oversight mechanisms for intelligence agencies, the report says.

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THE POWER OF LANGUAGE

What's in a word? A lot, when it comes to identity



Ryan Porter Metro | Life

Sarah Rotella and Adrianna Di-Lonardo are often asked why their popular YouTube comedy channel is called the Gay Women's Channel. Both of its creators identify as lesbian — "I also identify as a cat lady," Rotella, 28, adds.

"We like to use the term gay as a hat that includes everyone in the spectrum," says Di-Lonardo, 28. "It might not be politically correct. Gay is usually associated with gay men."

With Pride festivities in full swing, how to refer to the community that is being celebrated depends on whom you ask. Monikers span the overly simplistic term "gay" to the mouthful acronym "LGBT-TIQQ2SA" (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, intersex, queer, questioning, two-spirit, asexual/ally).

"If you're in the straight world, it would be the all-encompassing word 'gay,'" says Helen Kennedy, executive director of LGBT advocacy group EGALE. But you don't have to look very far to find someone who bristles at being corralled into that catchall term.

When pressed by Diane Sawyer, Bruce Jenner, for example, said that he would describe himself as asexual.

"I understand the ease of using just one word to sum it up, but there are lots of issues around who you are fighting for when you are saying 'gay' rights," says Sidney Drmay, co-ordinator of the queer and trans group RyePride at Ryerson University. "Are we think-

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[prahyd] An epic string of LGBTQ community rallies that celebrate you doing you!

ing about black trans women or are we just thinking about white gay dudes?"

Drmay, 20, identifies as queer and non-binary, using the pronouns "they, them and their" in place of "she/he, her/him, and her/his." "I don't like the idea of girl/boy," they says. "I prefer 'them' because I like being able to separate myself from the binary of gender. There are a lot of genders. Trying to insist that there are only two is ridiculous."

As the Outreach Committee Chair for Ottawa-based transgender group Gender Mosaic, Amanda Ryan has found it nearly impossible to come to a consensus on the trans experience. "If you put 1,000 trans people into a room and ask them to come up with a definition of trans you would come up with 1,000 different definitions," says Ryan.

Far simpler for the 63-yearold is navigating the pronouns "he" and "she." "If I am presenting female, I do prefer the female pronouns," she says. "And when I am presenting male, it's he. When I am addressed as female by the public, it acknowledges that I am seen (as female) by them. It does make a difference."

Jeremy Dutcher, 24, might swap his "he" pronouns for more gender-neutral pronouns when working in his capacity as the Aboriginal projects co-ordinator at EGALE. Dutcher identifies as two-spirit, an indigenous concept for someone with two souls — one male, one female. Originally celebrated for their spiritual significance within indigenous tribes, today the term is applied broadly to indigenous people who identify as LGBTO.

While '2S,' for two-spirit, is included in the larger acronym, Dutcher prefers the acronym LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer). But when EGALE was doing work surrounding youth homelessness, Dutcher advocated for the acronym LGBTQ2S to acknowledge the disproportionately high number of two-spirit youth living on the street.

Yet using the full acronym — LGBTTIQQ2SA — can prompt a teachable moment. Drmay often uses it in their work with RyePride. "It's also a really great learning oppor-

tunity because people might be like, I don't recognize that letter," they say. "What is that letter for?"

And while LGBTTIQQ2SA doesn't exactly roll off the tongue, the conversation alone has the power to raise awareness about gender and sexual identity. "Language is powerful," Dutcher says.

"LGBT folks have been pushing those boundaries around, 'What is inclusion?' The fact that we really make space for people to identify how they want to identify I think is awe-



What part of LGBTTIQQ2SA don't you understand? Can we really make the acronym — it

stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning, two spirit, asexual/ally — work? Community leaders share their thoughts.



"I think it's really important to identify as many of the identities as you can within the acronym because I think every identity needs to be recognized."

HELEN KENNEDY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



"It's confusing. We waste a lot of time arguing over definitions. What can we do to work together?"

AMANDA RYAN, OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR GENDER MOSAIC

"If our straight allies are having trouble with LGBT, it's probably pushing it a bit to add on further. Intention is what matters and how we act is what matters."
STEVEN PETROW, WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST



GLORIOUSLY GAY GLOSSARY

LGBT slang to know and love during Pride Week

Metro asked Ryan Porter, a freelance writer and former editor of the now defunct Toronto-based Fab magazine, to define some common LGBT slang to help you navigate the otters and puppies and bears (oh my!) during your local Pride festivities.

Breeder: [bree-der] A heterosexual celebrated for baby-making

Butch: [boo-ch] A lesbian of masculine demeanour or advanced home-reno skill

Bear: [bair] A hirsute gay man of notable heft, often found in plaid, denim or Montana's

Cub: [kuhb] The iPad Mini to the bear's iPad — younger, smaller and more affordable

Chaser: [chey-ser] One attracted to bears who is not a bear, but will happily eat all of their porridge and pass out (we're looking at you Goldilocks)

Otter: [ot-er] A hairy gay man too slender to be considered a bear and the generally agreedupon limit of really pushing this animal thing

Rice Queen: [rahys kween] A term for a gay man who dates exclusively Asians often greeted with, "you are really saying this in 2015, huh?'

Power Bottom: [pou-er bot-uh m] A receiving sexual partner who should really see someone about their control issues

Versatile: [vur-suh-tl] One whose sexual roles are as eclectic and diverse as the performances of Meryl Streep

Femme: [fem] A queer person dripping in stereotypically feminine characteristics, dahling

F-to-M/M-to-F: [ef-too-em/emtoo-ef] If you were to describe a trans person's journey from one gender to another using a maximum of five letters, these would be those five

Kiki: [kee-kee] A small congregation of gay people assembling for the purpose of chit-chat, juicy disclosures and general shenanigans

Trans*: [trāns*] A catchall term referencing transmen, transwomen, transgender, transsexual, transvestite and all other trans superstars

Muscle Mary: [muhs-uh l mairee] A hulking gay man who looks terrifying but actually has the complete works of Britney Spears memorized

Twink: [twingk] A young, slim, hairless gay man who may or may not have purchased his accessories at Ardene

Poz: [paws] A person who is living (or — just maybe — thriv-

Lipstick lesbian: [lip-stik lezbee-uh nl A lady who loves her Maybelline almost as much as she loves boobs

Read: [reed] A sassy dressingdown using choice witty zingers, as in, "she read that queen like it was another excellent edition of the Metro'

Poppers: [pop-ers] A more fun term for alkyl nitrates, this disco-era inhalant used to relax

muscles before anal intercourse is illegal in Canada and therefore there is absolutely no need at all to learn this term

QUEER Pocket Gay: [pok-it gey] A gay man of diminutive stature who is nonetheless desirable the way King Kong really thought it would work out with Naomi

Cruise: [krooz] To prowl for intimate relations in a manner that may be considered filthy, scandalous and abhorrent by well-bred individuals (Prince Harry excluded)

Tea: [tee] Gossip too hot to spill without at least one pinky finger held aloft

Shade: [sheyd] A side-eyed style of cutting remark developed by New York drag queens possessed by the ghost of Joan Crawford

Pass: [pas] to be recognized as the gender you are presenting because is that really so much to ask for?

Cisgender: [sis-jen-der] a person whose gender corresponds to the sex organs they were born with (but we love them, anyway)

Queening Out: [kwee-ning out] an outlandish display of royally diva-esque behaviour by a gentleman that may inspire Wayne's World-style bowing down

Drag Mother: [drag muhth-er] The drag queen who mentors a young protégé in the illusionDaddy: [dad-ee] An older man in a relationship who provides mentorship and allaround parentalstyle bossiness

man, who may be called the "boy" Puppy Play: [puhpee pley When two

to the younger

people role-play as a puppy dog and its master, except for some reason, they are both wearing, like,

Str8:[strāt] An alternate spelling of straight, generally used by gay men in personal ads

a lot of leather

who would love to spell out the "-aight" but are just far too horny

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In his Washington Post column Civilities, Steven Petrow offers his advice on LGBT etiquette.

Here the author of the book Complete Gay & Lesbian Manners answers our burning questions about proper forms of address durina Pride.

Is it OK to say "gay Pride"?

The most inclusive terminology is to say "the LGBT community." When we use the

word gay, for some people lesbians are included, for some they are not, and using the word gay alone definitely does not include transsexual and transgendered people.

What do I call the people in a same-sex couple?

The most important thing is to not downgrade anyone in a relationship.

"Partner" is better than boyfriend if they are in a committed relationship and if they are married, "hus-band" or "wife" is preferred.

How do I ask someone what their orientation is?

Why would someone have a need to ask another what their sexual orientation is unless they are planning to go to bed with them?

Well-meaning questions are fair to ask but people should always ask themselves first, "Why am I interested in this? Is there anything beyond curiosity?"

If the answer is no, put a lid on it. RYAN PORTER/FOR METRO



"It's a mouthful, is it not? Personally I don't believe it is useful. I use the short form LGBTQ because I could never ever remember all the letters."

STEPHEN HARTLEY, PFLAG CANADA PRESIDENT



"It still starts with LGBT. The further down you go the letters get ignored. SARAH ROTELLA, CO-HOST OF YOUTUBE'S GAY WOMEN'S CHANNEL



"Are we doing a disservice if we don't represent every letter? Perhaps. That's where the beauty of LGBTQ (for queer) comes in, because the Q opens up a lot of space for non-normative experiences."

JEREMY DUTCHER, ABORIGINAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR FOR EGALE



"It's the term that a lot of people will recognize. (By saying) the queer community, they might think you are only talking about gay dudes and gay women."

SIDNEY DRMAY, CO-ORDINATOR AT RYEPRIDE

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Halifax Pride is the country's fourth largest Pride festival.

Whither the weather

Despite rain and some cancelled events, celebrations continue

Jennifer Taplin For Metro

Pride Halifax has been going swimmingly so far, except for a couple major events cancelled because of the rain.

Willem Blois, 2015 Halifax

Pride committee chair, said cancelling Pride events because of the weather is "unheard of," but it was bound to happen some time.

With the spectacle of drag queens running the bases in heels, the Dykes Vs. Divas softball game is a main event for Pride every year.

"By 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, the umpire had already declared that games couldn't be played on the ball diamond due to the extremely wet and muddy conditions," Blois said.

"By the time this information was relayed to us, we had no choice but to cancel. It was a sad decision, but the right one — the rain only got

worse as the day went on."

Closing down Gottingen Street on Sunday for a heritage gathering took months of negotiations with the city, only to be rained out. The heritage gathering was to be a first for Pride, showcasing organizations who do great work in the LG-BTQ+ community.

Blois said they will definitely

try again next year.
"We laid the groundwork for a really incredible event that will surely be an amazing community event in 2016," he said. "It was quite late in the game when we finally came to an agreement with the city to hold the event, and didn't leave much time for planning, so next year we'll be able to plan ac-

cordingly months in advance.' Rain aside, Blois said 2015

Pride is going very well and expects it to continue this weekend. A new partnership with the Queer Acts Theatre Festival brought in great crowds, Blois said, and the annual candlelight vigil brought out a record audience at its new location at

the Central Library.



The Halifax Pride Festival is a celebration that draws in more than 150,000 participants. PHOTOS BY DYLAN WHITE







rate the diversity and variety of life here in HRM during the annual Halifax Pride Parade, Saturday from 1-3 p.m. photos by DYLAN WHITE

Remember the past

REFLECTION

Pride Parade has grown from humble beginnings

Jon **Tattrie** For Metro

Halifax's Pride Festival continues its journey into a mainstream cultural celebration this year with new film screenings, free yoga and, of course, drag queens.

Organizers are expecting 150,000 people to be in Halifax for the festival that runs through to Sunday.

"We have something planned along Spring Garden on parade day that we have been trying to launch for the past couple of years," says Paul Forrest.

That something is screenings of classic LGBTQ+ films at the Halifax Central Library's Paul O'Regan Hall, which are being organized with showings with the Out East Film Festival.

"As well, we have a new event called ProudPrana, a free outdoor yoga event on the Garrison Grounds," he said.

For the Friday night dance party on the Garrison Grounds – called the Grind – Halifax Pride is bringing in some of Canada's top DJs, including a former winner on RuPaul's Drag Race show.

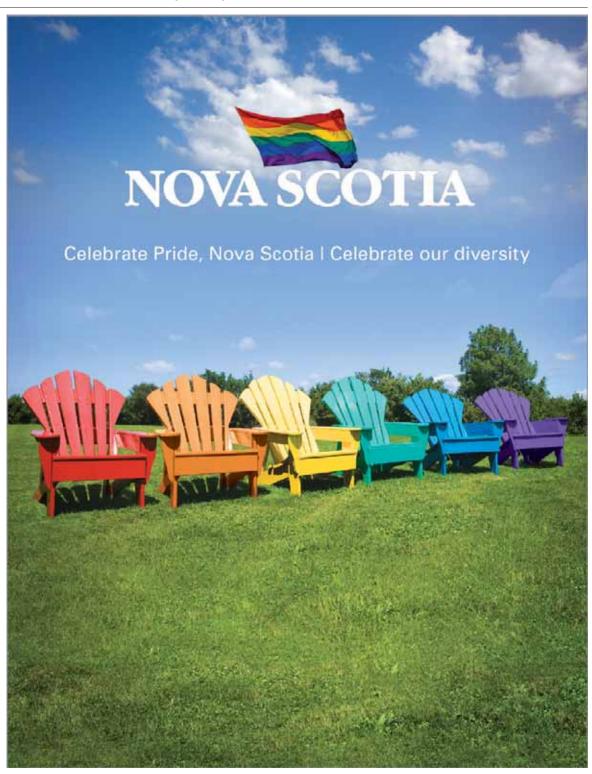
Last year's Youth Dance was organized at the last minute, but it's returning this year with a lot more preparation.

"This year with the additional lead-up time and the continuing partnership with the Youth Project, we expect to double the attendance," Forrest said.

Pride will hold its annual parade Saturday. Veterans will remember the first parade, more of a militant march, held in 1987. Back then, 75 people marched through largely unfriendly streets and some marchers wore bags over their heads to protect their identity. That's something to reflect on as you enjoy one of Halifax's most popular parades this year.



Everyone, including man's best friend, loves a parade.





C. Leah Cruise, left, and Rouge Fatale perform during the Priscilla Queen of the Highlands show at St FX earlier this year.



C. Leah Cruise strikes a pose during the show.



The group of drag queens who performed at the Priscilla Queen of the Highlands show earlier this year. CHARLIE TEN BRINKE PHOTOS

It's never a drag on stage

Jennifer Taplin For Metro

Drag, with its beautiful sequined history in Halifax, is getting the squeeze, according to one expert.

Chris Frazer, a drag performer and professor at St. Francis Xavier University, presented a lecture this week on the history of drag in Nova Scotia.

In an interview, he said the decline of drag in Halifax has to do with the venues.

"There used to be a lot more clubs around. Now, we can point to Menz (& Mollyz) Bar as

the only explicitly gay venue." Arguably, Reflections isn't so much a gay bar anymore

as it is gay friendly, he said. "That's a bit of a perplexing issue and I'm hoping to get at the heart of what's going on with the club scene in

Halifax.' Frazer said he doesn't think it's a lack of demand for drag shows - he theorizes it could be due to economics, changing demographics, and gentrification of the North End.

Outside the city, drag shows are big draws throughout the province. Frazer organizes an annual show called Priscilla Queen of the Highlands in

Antigonish, which sells out every year.

"For us, it's not just for entertainment value, it promotes some positive visibility in the community and it makes a contribution to diminishing the atmosphere of homophobia ... and provides a bridge between the LGBTQ community and the heterosexual community.'

Frazer said he has noticed another peculiar phenomenon - there are a number of drag performers from Cape Breton, particularly from Sydney and Glace Bay, popping up in Halifax. Rouge Fatale and Elle Noir

are just a few.
"What I'm finding is his-

tory shows an out-migration over the years from Cape Breton to the city, and once the Sydney performers establish themselves in the city, they become a magnet to attract other performers.

And the migration doesn't stop there. Frazer said many drag performers, just like oil workers, find work in Western Canada.

"The current reigning empress (drag show winner) in Calgary is a former emperor from the drag scene in Halifax. What I'm getting at is, drag historically in Nova Scotia has carried an influence past the borders of this province.'













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Kate Shewan is this year's grand marshal for the annual Pride Parade. CONTRIBUTED

PRIDE PARADE GRAND MARSHAL KATE SHEWAN

Transitions open up opportunities

Jennifer Taplin For Metro

Sitting in the back of a parade float car and waving to throngs of people isn't as easy as it looks.

Kate Shewan, this year's Pride Parade's grand marshal, is thrilled to have the position, but is a little nervous about being the centre of attention. She has never done anything like this before.

"It's flattering and it's quite an honour," she said. "I don't know what I think about the actual part of sitting (in the parade) and having tens of thousands of people looking at me, but it certainly opens up opportunities to talk."

Two of her favourite topics are her work at the helm of The Youth Project, and challenges faced by the trans community.

Shewan made her transition into a trans woman five years

ago and it went anything but smooth.

"When I went through my own transition, I was really shocked by the amount of discrimination, stigma and negative reactions related to trans people," she said. "It led me to become involved in activism."

And the wall of discrimination wasn't just built by individuals, but organizations as well.

Shewan said she was declined life insurance and longterm disability from the company supplying a group work plan specifically because of her gender transition.

"It made no sense at all and I even question if it was even legal to do that."

legal to do that."

That's when Shewan started to get involved in activism and became the chair of the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project.

Then, in January, Shewan started at The Youth Project as executive director.

The Youth Project supports LGBTQ+ youth younger than

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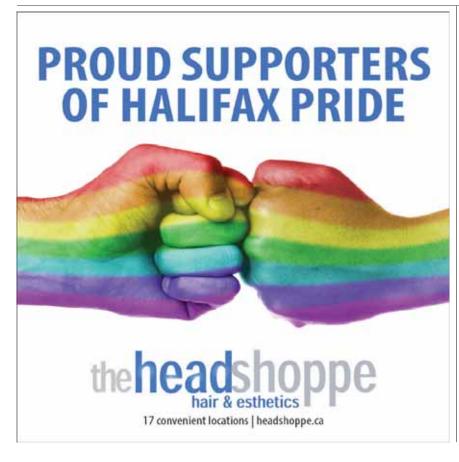
Willem Blois, 2015 Halifax Pride committee chair, said each year a grand marshal is nominated by the community. He said Kate Shewan won by a landslide. "We had a huge outpouring for Kate. We got tons and tons of emails in our inbox."

25 with a number of initiatives, including counselling and workshops.

and workshops.

In the past five years, Shewan said there has been progress for trans people with recognition, protection under the law, and health-care coverage

"The trans community has seen some big steps forward in terms of legislation. Where we're lagging behind a little bit is we're still struggling with public acceptance, stigma and discrimination."







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Get down and Grind

Jennifer Taplin For Metro

Some of the biggest, loudest parties of Pride week are hitting Halifax this weekend.

Get ready for The Grind on the Garrison Grounds Friday night.

Heather Green, entertain-ment director for Halifax Pride, said The Grind is a new event this year, which features DJ Pierre Fitch from Montreal and DJ Pornstar from Las Vegas. Drag queen Jujubee, a finalist in the second season of RuPaul's

Drag Race, is playing host.
"I'm really excited about that event in particular," Green said. "We're also bringing in Fireworks FX to do some pyrotechnics.'

As entertainment director for the festival, Green said they wanted to switch up the music this year. Last year, Pride featured a number of live bands



"We really just want to make events that will make the most people happy and excited to come out," said Heather Green, entertainment director for Halifax Pride. 'Generally, we're looking for local people we want to highlight or just people within our community that get people excited."

and the community has been

calling for more DJs, she said.
"We decided to go big and bring in a drag queen from Ru-Paul's Drag Race, which we've never done."

She said they also wanted to make it more accessible in terms of cost — \$5, but \$10 after midnight. Green said she is hoping for a crowd of at least 1,000.

It might be afternoon instead



Wetspot, Halifax Pride's wind-down party on Saturday night, is expected to be a blowout. RILEY SMITH PHOTO

of late night, but the main stage on the Garrison Grounds after the parade on Saturday is another big party.

"Lindsay Misiner and Like

a Motorcycle will be playing,"

Green said.
Jules Bangsworth will be DJing and Halifax Poet Laure-ate El Jones will perform. And don't forget the drag queens there will be a lot of them. Pride's wind-down party on

Saturday night, Wetspot, is always a blowout, Green said.

This year Neon Dreams is headlining.
"It's an amazing time, usu-

ally packed and everybody is just giving it the last go."

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Rainbow is a welcome sight

Jennifer Taplin For Metro

Halifax is expecting a special visitor from Gambia in the coming months, one the Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia (RRANS) is eagerly anticipating.

She will be the fifth refugee

She will be the fifth refugee the association has sponsored to escape persecution for being gay

ing gay.

"It's the first time we've sponsored someone from that country and it's the first time it's a woman that we've been able to sponsor," said James Boyle, a member of the RRANS board of directors.

The spark for RRANS was ignited in 2011 when Ottawa LGBTQ activist David Pepper stopped in Halifax to speak about LGBTQ refugees. His message was received loud and clear by several people in Nova Scotia and they started RRANS. They work closely with the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia to help settle refugees and sponsor others.



Homosexuality is illegal in at least 75 countries, and punishable by death in some.

So far, RRANS has sponsored four men from Iran who claimed refugee status through Turkey.

"We want to help as many people as possible and do something positive for the world and help relocate people to Nova Scotia," Boyle said.

It's a complicated process being a refugee, Boyle said. First, they have to leave their home and flee to another country to claim refugee status. Once they are confirmed as being a refugee based on sexual orientation, their names are put on a list and sent to organizations like RRANS.

"We only get a few names at a time of people who are what's called 'visa office referred and travel ready," Boyle said.

At that point, they can make arrangements for them to arrive.



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Loyal, insightful and passionate

LEIGHANN WICHMAN

Halifax Pride remembers co-founder of The Youth Project

Jennifer Taplin For Metro

To those who knew her, Leighann Wichman would have cringed knowing there was a float with her name all over it in the Pride Parade.

Each year since activist Raymond Taavel was killed in 2012, Pride organizers dedicated a float in the parade to the memory of a community member. This year, Pride remembers Wichman, former executive director and co-founder of The Youth Project. She died last year at the age of 42.

"When you meet her at first, she comes across as really quiet, and then when you get to know her that changes," said Sheena Jamieson, who knew Wichman for 13 years.

Jamieson was 16 when she walked into The Youth Project where Wichman was working as an educator at the time.

Even though it has been almost a year since Wichman's death, Jamieson can't talk too long about her without becoming emotional. Loyal. Insightful. Passionate. A few words that come to mind when Jamieson thinks about her.

She said Wichman's impact



When you become an adult don't be boring. That's the biggest thing I've taken away from her.

Sheena Jamieson

is every where — everything at The Youth Project was touched by her. Jackie Thornhill, a former

Jackie Thornhill, a former Youth Project colleague, said Wichman went beyond being a mentor and educator. She saved lives.

"At her memorial service, what was expressed most was she saved people's lives." Thornhill said. "I firmly believe there are people who wouldn't be alive if Leighann hadn't lived her life the way she did."

Wichman was strong and brave, Thornhill said, and helped people learn through experience.

While deeply deserving of the recognition in Saturday's parade, Thornhill and Jamieson said Wichman wouldn't like the spotlight.

"Oh, she'd hate it," Jamieson said with a laugh. "She wouldn't hate the recognition, she'd hate the attention."

Wichman died last October in her sleep from an unforeseen health condition.



Halifax Pride remembers Leighann Wichman, former executive director and co-founder of The Youth Project, by dedicating a float in her name during Saturday's Pride Parade, CONTRIBUTED





Rouge Fatale (a.k.a. Jason Rose-Spurrell) will host Snatch Game Sunday night. CONTRIBUTED

Guess who? Find out at Snatch Game

Jennifer Taplin For Metro

What would Oprah Winfrey be like as a drag queen?

That particular question will be answered — in full detail during Snatch Game at Menz & Mollyz Bar Sunday night.

Hosted by Rouge Fatale (a.k.a. Jason Rose-Spurrell), the event is a first for Halifax. It's a game show mashing together celebrity impersonations with the Match Game, based on an episode from RuPaul's Drag Race.

"Except what we're going to do is take people out of the audience who are going to be our contestants and the local drag queens are going to be doRose-Spurrell said. "It's going to be an amazing night and it's getting a lot of buzz throughout the community."

As for the impersonations, there will be many, he said. The drag queens are keeping the particulars close to their chests, but Rose-Spurrell said he knows a few of the famous "faces" that will make appearances, including Oprah and several of the Hali-famous.

"I know people will be seeing some Disney characters, and probably seeing some blasts from the past, like I hear there's talk of Anna Nicole Smith."

Since he is hosting, Rose-Spurrell said he won't be doing any impersonations himself, but his favourites are typically

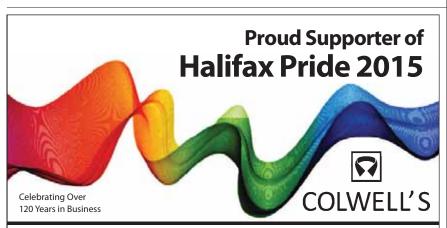
The contestant with the most matches with the "celebrity' will win the round, and the player with the most points at the end of the game will win ... something, he said.

"It's a surprise prize," Rose-Spurrell said.

And in the second part of the show, the drag queens will impersonate their fellow Haligonian drag queens.

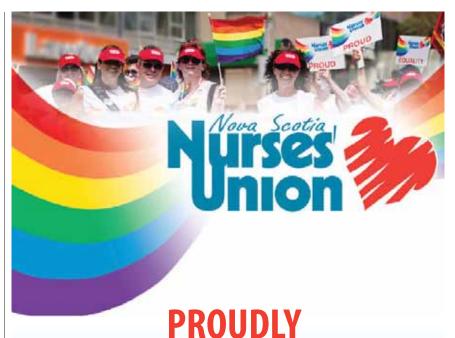
It's \$10 at the door and Rose-Spurrell is hoping to pack the place. Given the response on social media, he expects it shouldn't be a problem.

"If it goes the way we expect it's going to go, then I think it will be a lot of fun and I think it will be something that we'll keep going.'



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Annual Pride festival is a boon to both economy and tourism

Jennifer Taplin For Metro

Months before the Pride flag is hoisted at city hall, marketing is in full effect and hotel staff are training to prepare for the deluge of tourists taking in the fourth largest Pride festival in the country.

Lynn Ledwidge, with Destination Halifax, said they take the Pride message far afield, in particular to cities with direct air access to Halifax, such as Toronto and Boston.

'We work with the Pride festival throughout the whole year to develop the key messages we take to market as a gay-welcoming destination," she said.

Halifax had a presence at the World Pride festival last year

in Toronto and campaigned to the estimated two million in attendance there to take in Halifax Pride 2015. Ledwidge said she is looking forward to hearing if there is an increase in patrons this year because of those efforts, but won't have traffic numbers and hotel data for months.

"We've given a lot of attention to the Gay Village of the Greater Toronto Area and our campaign takes us there on an annual basis because it's a high-yield market," Ledwidge said. "But we've also identified this year a stronger emphasis on the Boston market because of the high presence in the northeastern U.S. by Nova Scotian tourists.'

Research from several sources shows when tourists flock to the city for Pride, they



Research shows when tourists flock to the city for Pride, they are most likely to take in other sites around the province. DYLAN WHITE

are most likely to take in other sites around the province, Ledwidge said.

"Really, the Pride festival is perhaps the nucleus to bring the guests into the city and observe the city as very progressive, but definitely the preand post-festival experience is a big part of the messaging we want to get into the audience's mind.

Some hotels prepare for Pride by providing training for staff in the best ways to accommodate LGBTQ+ tourists,

Ledwidge said. Although, she added, it's impossible to tell or ask to identify LGBTQ guests.

Lesa Griffin with the Lord Nelson Hotel said they enlist community organizations to share points on diversity for their staff to prepare for Pride.

"Every year we see more tourists travelling to Halifax in support of Pride and staying with us ... guests are choosing to have their weddings with us and we hosted- at least one wedding during the kickoff of Pride Week," Griffin said.





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Alert issued for rumbling undersea volcano

An active underwater volcano off Grenada's northern coast called Kick 'em Jenny is rumbling and disaster management authorities have been put on

Since its discovery in 1939, Kick 'em Jenny has erupted at least 12 times, most recently in 2001. It hasn't caused any deaths or injuries. The Seismic Research Center at the University of the West Indies said Thursday seismic activity has increased at the submerged volcano, which rises above the sea floor 8 kilometres north of Grenada. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lobsterman's twice lucky

A Maine lobsterman has caught a rare orange lobster, the second time he's pulled an odd-colored crustacean from state waters. Bill Coppersmith, of Windham, told the Portland Press Herald he was in the Gulf of Maine on Wednesday when he caught the lobster.

Robert Bayer, executive director of the University of Maine's Lobster Institute, said the odds of catching an orange lobster are one in several million. Coppersmith caught a white lobster in 1997; a one-in-100 million catch.



The rare orange lobster in Maine, Thursay. ROBERT F. **BUKATY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**





An artist's rendering from NASA, Thursday, compares Earth, left, and Kepler-452b, NASA/AMES/JPL-CALTECH/T. PYLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scientists discover Earth-like planet

Planet orbits habitable zone of its sun-like star, says NASA

Scientists have identified a "close cousin" to Earth that's orbiting a sun-like star and might har-

"It is the closest thing that we have to another place that somebody else might call home," said Jon Jenkins from NASA's Ames Research Center in California.

The researchers announced their discovery Thursday, based on observations from NASA's Kepler space telescope.

This older, bigger cousin to Earth is called Kepler-452b. What makes this planet remarkable is that it orbits its star at about the same distance that Earth orbits the sun. What's more, its home star looks to be similar to our sun. Based on what scientists know today, Jenkins noted it's the nearest thing to another Earth-sun twin system.

"Today the Earth is a little less lonely because there's a new kid on the block," Jenkins said during a news conference. He led the team that discovered Kepler-452b.

The last Kepler discovery that

Today the Earth is a little less lonely ... there's a new kid on the block.

Jon Jenkins, NASA scientist

had scientists gushing was just over a year ago. That close-to-Earth-size planet, Kepler-186f, also was in the habitable zone of its star. But that faint dwarf star was unlike our sun.

John Grunsfeld, NASA's science mission chief, emphasized that the exoplanet system identi-

fied Thursday — "a pretty good close cousin to the Earth and our sun" - is the closet so far. "And I really emphasize the 'so far."

The planet-hunting Kepler will keep churning out new discoveries, Grunsfeld noted, and possibly find even better matches for "Earth 2.0."

Kepler was launched in 2009 and has nearly 5,000 potential exoplanets to its credit — worlds beyond our solar system. It is helping to address such fundamental questions as where do we come from and where are we headed, and arguably the biggest question of all: Are we alone in the universe? THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED STATES

Texas jail death a suicide

The autopsy of a woman who was found dead in a Texas jail revealed no injuries that would suggest she died in a violent homicide, authorities said Thursday.

Waller County prosecutor Warren Diepraam discussed details of the autopsy of 28-year-old Sandra Bland, who authorities say was found hanging in her jail cell on July 13.

The autopsy showed that Bland had no defensive injuries on her hands that would typically indicate a struggle, the prosecutor said. Some lacerations or abrasions were found on her wrists. Those injuries were consistent with a struggle while being handcuffed.

The marks around Bland's neck were consistent with a suicide, he said.

Bland was arrested three days before she was found dead. Her family and friends dispute the official finding. Texas Rangers and the FBI are investigating.

Bland's death comes after nearly a year of heightened national scrutiny of police dealings with black suspects, especially those who have been killed by officers or die in police custody. It has resonated on social media, with posts questioning the official account and featuring the hashtags #JusticeForSandy and #WhatHappenedToSandyBland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Syrian groups OK 'road map'

Syria's two main political opposition groups agreed on Thursday on a unified "road map" for a political solution to the country's long-running civil war, representatives of the groups said.

The two parties have been trying for years to reach a common understanding on how to end the war in Syria. Their agreement came as the UN envoy, Staffan de Mistura, was in Damascus to press efforts to find a political solution to the country's war.

But violence continued on

the ground and suspected Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants fired at a Turkish military outpost from inside Syrian territory on Thursday, killing a Turkish soldier and wounding two others. Turkish troops retaliated to the attack and at least one ISIL militant was killed, according to Turkish official Suleyman Tapsiz, the governor for the Kilis province.

The attack follows a suicide bombing in a Turkish town near the Syrian border on Monday which killed 32 people.

Authorities have blamed the attack on militants linked to ISIL.

Meanwhile in Brussels, where the Syrian opposition groups have been meeting, representatives of the Syrian National Coalition (SNC) and the National Coordination Body for the Forces of Democratic Change (NCB) said they would announce details of their agreement at a press conference the following day.

Their disagreements have contributed to the notorious divisions within the Syrian opposition. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rights groups slam Obama

KENYA, ETHIOPIA

President to meet African leaders with poor records

U.S. President Barack Obama's trip to Kenya and Ethiopia is drawing criticism that the countries are heavy-handed on human rights and basic democratic freedoms.

Obama will become the first sitting U.S. president to visit Kenya, his ancestral homeland, when he arrives Friday to attend a business summit and meetings with President Uhuru Kenyatta. And he'll be the first U.S. president to visit Ethiopia when he lands there Sunday to confer with Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn and to address the African Union, which is headquartered there.

"While both countries face real security threats, we are con-

cerned by the way in which each government has responded, often with abusive security measures and increased efforts to stifle civil society and the media," Human Rights Watch and other advocacy organizations and analysts said in a letter to Obama. "Many of these initiatives undermine core human rights protections and the rule of law and are also counterproductive when it comes to reducing insecurity."

Obama said he will stress during the trip that the economic growth that Africans seek depends on good governance, including free and fair elections, strong democratic institutions, freedom of speech and the press, vibrant civic participation and respect for human rights.

"Some African nations have made impressive progress on these fronts," Obama said in an opinion piece published Thursday by the website The Root. "Others have not. My trip will be



My trip will be an opportunity to address these issues candidly.

U.S. President Barack Obama

an opportunity to address these issues candidly, both publicly and privately in my meetings with leaders."

The White House says the trip, Obama's fourth to Africa as president, is an opportunity to promote trade and investment, but also to check in with Horn of Africa partners in the fight against Islamic extremism.

The U.S. and Kenya co-operate to counter al-Shabab, the Islamic militants based in Somalia that have carried out numerous attacks in Kenya. Ethiopia shares intelligence with the U.S. and has sent troops to Somalia to address instability there.

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Nairobi biker with an Obama flag. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Clinton endorses 'Black lives matter'

Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Rodham Clinton has praised South Carolina leaders for removing the Confederate flag from the statehouse grounds in the wake of the killing of nine black churchgoers in Charleston, S.C., last month.

But Clinton said that action was only symbolic, and that all Americans should unite behind the rallying cry "Black lives matter." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Columbine killer's mom pens memoir

A memoir by the mother of Columbine shooter Dylan Klebold is scheduled for 2016, and will be launched with a primetime interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer, Crown Publishers announced Thursday.

In 1999, Dylan Klebold

In 1999, Dylan Klebold and fellow senior student Eric Harris killed 12 students and one teacher at the Columbine, Colo., high school before taking their own lives.

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Jurors decide death penalty an option

THEATRE SHOOTING

Killer's mental illness to be considered in next phase

The jurors who convicted James Holmes of murder in the Aurora, Colo., theatre shooting unanimously decided Thursday

that they can consider the death penalty in his sentencing.

They said capital punishment is justified because Holmes murdered a large number of victims, caused a grave risk of death to others, committed murder in a heinous, cruel or depraved manner and laid in wait or ambush.

One factor jurors said prosecutors did not prove was that Holmes intentionally killed a child, but the other "aggravating factors" ensure that jurors will continue to consider whether he should be put to death for his crimes. Prosecutors still must clear two more hurdles before Holmes can be sentenced to die.

Prosecutors said Holmes wanted to murder as many as he could in the audience of more than 400 people but failed to kill more than 12 because his assault rifle jammed.

The defence offered no

counter-argument in this first phase of his sentencing. The defence will now lead the next phase, trying to show that Holmes' mental illness and other mitigating factors make it wrong to execute him in any case.

Holmes wounded 58 people and 12 others were injured in the chaos of the July 2012 attack in a suburban Denver cinema. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



James Holmes in court in June 2013. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE

Teen relatives held in slaying of family

Police responding to a silent 911 call found five people stabbed to death at a well-kept suburban Tulsa, Okla., home, then detained two teenage male relatives of the victims after a police dog tracked them down in nearby woods.

Investigators stepped ginger-ly around a pool of blood near the front of the home Thursday morning. Others put up plastic tarps to shield the home from reporters and neighbours while they gathered clues.

The bodies remained at the home into late morning as police waited on a medical examiner.

'I've been here 19 years and I don't know if we've had more than three homicides in a year. I don't think we've had a single incident of this magnitude," said Broken Arrow Police spokesman Cpl. Leon Calhoun.

He said officers responding to the 911 call could not enter the house through the front door but heard moaning and found another way in. They dragged a 13-year-old girl who survived the attack onto the front lawn. Then they found two other victims. Unsure if they were alive or dead but fearing a killer remained on the premises, they took them outside, where the bodies remained at midday Thursday. Three other bodies were inside. Calhoun said police were struggling to notify next of kin because so many relatives were involved. Broken Arrow Police Sgt. Thomas Cooper said nine people were linked to the family home — the five dead, which included adults and juveniles, the 16- and 18-year-olds in custody, the 13-year-old girl in stable condition with stab wounds and an unharmed two-year-old girl. The toddler was transferred to state custody, Cooper said.

Officers arrived before midnight Wednesday at the house near a country club after operators received an "open 911 call" – one in which no one speaks but the line remains connected. Police traced the call to the address. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Investigators at the Oklahoma home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

🛑 IN BRIEF

Briton busted for buying Breaking Bad 'poison'

A psychologist says a British software programmer who tried to buy ricin over the Internet got the idea from TV. Mohammed Ali allegedly contacted a U.S. seller about buying 500 milligrams of the poison for \$500. The contact was an undercover FBI agent, and Ali, 31, was arrested in February after he was sent a harmless powder.

Psychologist Alison Beck told a London jury Thursday that the idea of obtaining

ricin "was implanted in his brain having watched the TV series Breaking Bad."

Ex-boyfriend found after

hiding 3 days under bed A man who police say sneaked into a New Jersey home and hid under a bed for three days before he was found was the ex-boyfriend of the homeowners' daughter. Jason Hubbard was charged with burglary – and theft of services because he allegedly charged his cellphones under the bed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Loblaw shutting 52 stores

RETAIL

Pharmacies, grocery outlets included in closures

Loblaw Companies Ltd. plans to shut down 52 unprofitable stores in its chain of retail outlets by early next year as it seeks to boost operating profit.

The company said in its second-quarter earnings report Thursday that the closures will take place over the next 12 months and save \$35 million to \$40 million in annual operating income despite the loss of \$300 million in sales.

Loblaw president and executive chairman Galen Weston Jr. said in a conference call with analysts that the company was focused on finding efficiencies as growth slows.

In a normal year, he added, the company would close 10 to 15 stores.

"Yes, it's an increase, but it's not radically different," he said. "It doesn't signal any kind of change from a strategic



Loblaw Companies Ltd. has not yet identified which stores in its chain of retail outlets will close by next year. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

perspective."

The closures are distributed across the country, he said, and affect around one per cent of the company's total retail square footage.

In its latest annual report, the company had more than \$300 million

Closures will mean a loss of \$300 million in sales but could save up to \$40 mil-lion in operating income.

2,300 locations for its many brands, including Loblaws, Shoppers Drug Mart, No Frills and Joe Fresh.

Weston would not identify which locations are due to close as the company has yet to notify affected employees,

but he said the list included gas stations, Joe Fresh locations and select pharmacies and grocery stores.

Loblaw chief financial officer Richard Dufresne said the company did a review of all of its stores following the completion of its buyout of Shoppers Drug Mart last year and identified 52 that were consistently underperforming and unprofitable.

The company said in March it would build 50 new stores and renovate or improve more than 100 existing ones this year as part of a \$1.2 billion expansion. Weston said those plans are still on track.

On Thursday, Weston said the 52 closures included the previously announced cutbacks at Joe Fresh's U.S. operations, but would not make a "material change" to the clothing line's Canadian locations.

The company announced the closures as it reported a second-quarter profit of \$185 million or 45 cents per share in its latest quarter compared with a loss of \$456 million or \$1.13 per share a year ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

🛑 IN BRIEF

Walmart takes over Chinese online retailer

Walmart wants to make a bigger play for Chinese consumers online. The world's largest retailer purchased the remaining stake it didn't own in China's Yihaodian, an online retailer. Walmart is attempting to follow consumers as they migrate to the Internet in China, a country where the retailer has struggled to adjust to buying habits and local competition. Yihaodian, founded in 2008, sells more than eight million products.

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Greece's Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras reacts during an emergency parliament session Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greece set for talks

BAILOUT

Creditors expected to arrive in Athens Friday

Discussions over Greece's third bailout in five years are set to begin in Athens imminently after Greece's parliament approved Thursday tough new conditions set by European creditors.

Officials in Athens and at the European Union said negotiators are expected to start arriving on Friday, marking the first time high-level talks will be held in the Greek capital since Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' left-wing government assumed power in late January.

The news came hours after the Greek parliament approved a second round of reforms demanded by Greece's creditors before the negotiations could start over a three-year financial bailout expected to be worth 85 billion euros (\$93 billion US).

Without the money, Greece would be unable to pay the debts due over the coming three years and would likely be forced to leave the euro, Europe's shared currency.

Over the past week, parliament has approved two sets of creditor demands — the first introduced sweeping sales tax increases, the second concerned judicial and banking reforms.

Despite facing a rebellion among his own party's ranks in both votes, Tsipras' coalition government has survived. He relied on opposition parties to push the measures through.

"We have chosen a compromise that forces us to implement a program in which we do not believe, and we will implement it because the alternatives are tough," Tsipras said. "We are summoned today to legislate under a state of emergency."

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IN BRIEF

New cars boost retail sales

Shoppers buying new cars and trucks helped boost retail sales in May by 1.0 per cent to \$43 billion in Canada, the third increase in four months, Statistics Canada said Thursday.

Retail sales were up in nine of 11 subsectors, representing 92 per cent of

retail trade.

Retail sales were up in nine provinces in May with Ontario, Nova Scotia and, to a lesser extent, British Columbia accounting for most of the increase. Saskatchewan was the lone province to post weaker sales, edging down 0.1 per Cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Subsidized phones hit Rogers' profits

Higher costs from retaining its wireless customers left another mark on the profits of Rogers Communications Inc. during the second quarter, though the company fared better than analysts expected.

The telecommunications provider said Thursday that net income dropped 10 per cent in the period, which coincided with CRTC rule changes that eliminated cancellation fees for wireless contracts after

two years.

Rogers posted net income of \$363 million, or 70 cents per share, for the period ended June 30. That was down from \$405 million or 76 cents in the same quarter last year.

Rogers has been scurrying throughout this year to keep wireless subscribers from straying to competitors by offering subsidized phones in exchange for a fresh contract that locks them into another two years 32,000

Rogers' cable TV subscribers slid as more Canadians cancelled their packages. The division saw a decline of 32,000 TV subscribers and 11,000 landline customers.

of service.

The so-called double cohort, a result of the CRTC rule changes that also eliminated three-year contracts, was expected to intensify competition as wireless companies tried to lure each other's customers.

About 12 per cent of Rogers customers were still on three-year wireless contracts as of June 3, the day the rule change took full effect, the company said.

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON CELLPHONES AND AWKWARDNESS



I am routinely mocked for the fact that I still have a landline.

When I call people from the number, they love to joke, "Who is this, my grandma?" But while I admit that keeping a home phone is costly — and looks as outdated in my living room as a bowl of potpourri — it's well worth it. It's the only phone in my life I can count on. Not like that flaky, inconsistent, deadbeatdad version of a phone I call my "cell."

I don't know if the technology has declined or if my patience has waned, but I often find that the experience of talking on a cellphone is as

I will continue using a landline until it's so old it becomes as cool as a mason jar is today.

much an existential crisis as it is a conversation.

Like those calls where you can hear the person about half the time, as if someone were pointing a remote control at them and pressing "mute" every few seconds. The first couple of times it happens, you might say "What was that?" but after a while you start feeling like the annoying one, even though it's them you can't hear. You try your best to piece the sentences together using only the words you have ("I've been...and...depressed ...I'm...so... eating ... know it ... helps?") And you're like, "Yeah, I find eating ice cream therapeutic, too," and just hope that what you're saying

Or what about those calls

that make your friend sound like they're in an echo chamber, when you happen to know she's just a few blocks away at a Starbucks? Or those times you're trying to talk to a business associate who sounds like they're conducting their side of the meeting under water; it's really stressful when your livelihood depends on someone whose every word seems to be caught in-

Or what about that quirk of technology that makes it so the person who's talking can't hear you until they stop. This makes it impossible to interject. They can't hear you if you laugh or say things like, "Řight, right" or "Mm-hmm.' Cellphones strip you of half the tools you need to have a normal, healthy conversation.

side a bubble.

By the way, I don't have some 1999 Nokia piece of poo, nor do I use that service provider that's available only at 7-11. I have an iPhone 6 and my service provider rhymes with Smell Us. Is this the best we can do?

And I know what you're going to say: If you don't like talking on your cell, then just do like the Millennials and text. But I don't want to text — it takes too long and it's impersonal and it's destroying us like the impact that destroyed the dinosaurs.

No. What I will do is continue using my landline until Bell decides to stop providing me with - and charging me through the nose for — the service. I will continue using a landline until it's so old it becomes as cool as a mason iar is today.

Mock me all you want. At least I'll be able to hear you.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler.



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How two stubborn people shape up at marriage boot camp

Welcome to the midway point of the speediest season of the

Or for me, the end of marriage boot camp.

C. - my American boyfriend — was visiting for a few months. As our time wound down, and people asked him how it's been, "marriage boot camp" was his answer.

We had a lot to pack into very little time and space, playing house in my oneroom studio apartment. We'd been telling each other over Skype that we wanted to be together. This summer, we actually had to be together, morning and night, and all weekend long.

As two previously very single people, it was a negotiation to even cross the street. One person would step out into traffic, while the other tugged them back.

As two stubborn people, we could suck the fun out of a sunny afternoon on a patio as we learned about our differing

We discovered what it's like to be around the moody love of your life, what to say, and when to shut up.

For brief moments, the tension felt like that big wooden wall on an obstacle course: impossible to overcome.

My way of working through things is to talk, talk, talk. C.'s musings are more likely to drop in unexpectedly from thin air, like a falling feather.

But we did talk about what marriage would look like - or more often, not look like.

"Our kids are going to run around barefoot," C. warned me one day.

"I don't want to fight over money," I declared. Our statements acted like warning shots across each others' bows. Beware! This is what it's going to be like forever!

Marriage boot camp did clarify things. Chief among them, how sure we both are. How happy we both are. Except for when it wasn't, the summer was the most fun.

I've been wondering how much people do this - talk about what marriage will be like — before they pull the

So I called my most communicative, inquisitive of friends. She and her husband spent four evenings, a few hours each time, talking about what marriage would be like, in order to write their vows.

"People get so busy with planning their wedding, it's like they spend more time thinking about seating arrangements than the details of what they're vowing to,"

C. and I aren't at risk of that. For a long-distance relationship on fast-forward, it's perhaps not surprising we attended marriage boot camp before engagement. And as with all good boot camps, I'm feeling stronger.

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From chicken sickness to landsliding lakes,

Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



Forgetting past failures

News of the first drug that slows down Alzheimer's has scientists forgetting how hopeless they felt about managing memory loss. Stage-3 clinical trials - the last step before the pill goes to market — of a drug called solanezumab showed the progress of dementia slowing by a third, if treatment started early. More trials will be needed to confirm the results, but science is close to creating a memory medication that does more than just reduce





The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has ID'd an unusual culprit in a 40-state salmonella outbreak: Backyard chickens. Urban farmers, the CDC says, "are bringing live poultry into their homes, and ... kissing or cuddling with live poultry." Chickens harbour salmonella bacteria that's harmless to them but causes a nasty stomach bug in humans. Handwashing — and minimizing contact with feathered friends — can reduce the spread.

SOURCE: WASHINGTON POST



The fastest fruit salad

at Syracuse University, uses crafty grafting to create trees that bear 40 different kinds of stone fruit, including heirloom varieties of plums and apricots. Despite his choice of materials, he's not a botanist, but an artist. A tree he planted in 2011 now has all 40 varieties grafted on. In four years or so, it will be blooming periodically throughout the summer, producing a different kind of fruit each time. SOURCE: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC





Lake braces for spectacular slide

Some time in the next few months, a small lake perched 600 feet above the Mackenzie Vallev in the Northwest Territories will burst through the slice of earth holding it back - and fall. It will be a spectacular sight that transforms the landscape, and melting permafrost caused by climate change is to blame, scientists say. The unnamed lake near Fort McPherson is buttressed by frozen ground that has not thawed to this extent since the end of the last ice age. SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS



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COMEDY

Can Pixels save Sandler's career after a string of flops?

IN FOCUS **Richard** Crouse



From a career point of view, Pixels may be the most important movie of Adam Sandler's career. The big-budget action comedy sees the comedian help save the world from aliens who attack using classic video arcade games like PAC-MAN, Donkey Kong and Centipede as models for their assaults.

In real life, it's not Donkey Kong Sandler needs to battle, but audience apathy. A string of box office flops, controversies and terrible reviews — critic Liam Maguren was so horrified by Sandler's 2011 "comedy" Jack and Jill he wrote, "Burn this. This cannot be seen. By anyone" - have threatened to torpedo his career.

Even his own studio seemed to have turned against him. In last year's Sony email hack, one employee complained, "we continue to be saddled with the mundane, formulaic Adam Sandler films.

Movies like Billy Madison, Happy Gilmour and Big Daddy were hits that established his persona as the angry but sweet everyman, a misfit character



Matthew Lintz, left, as Matt, and Adam Sandler as Sam Brenner with Q*bert, in Pixels, which opens nationwide today. SONY PICTURES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

he trotted out for two decades. Occasionally he'd get serious in pictures like Punch-Drunk Love or Reign Over Me and soak up some good reviews, but by and large, the Sandleronian oeuvre has been ripe with anger management issues and jokes of ... how to put this delicately: a gastrointestinal nature. Not highbrow, but that's OK - not everything has to be Noel Coward — as long as audiences care.

But at some point, it seemed they stopped caring.

Perhaps it was the inconsistent nature of his movies. Just when you think he's turned a corner with the excellent Reign Over Me into interesting adult roles he slaps you in the face with the zero-star rated followup I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry.

Or maybe it's quality control issues. Läst year Kevin Nealon told me about being offered a role in the Sandler-produced Grandma's Boy.

"It was so lowball and crass," said Nealon. "I thought it might be a little embarrassing to be in that one. So I told Sandler I'd probably pass on it and he called me and said, 'I really hope you do this because if you don't do it and it's a big hit I'll feel bad, but if you do it and

it's not a big hit, no one is going to see it anyway."

That attitude may be realistic

but it doesn't exactly speak to high standards. More than that, however, is the static nature of Sandler's comedy. His everyman character hasn't changed much throughout the years. Usually these days he lives in nicer houses or has more money but it's the same old shtick.

The old saying, "He got bigger, but didn't grow up," perfectly applies to Sandler.

He may have matured (chronologically at least) but the urination gags and rageaholic jokes that characterize

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his comedy haven't.

We don't need to feel sorry for Adam Sandler. He has movies in the pipeline and a new deal with Netflix, but Pixels is still an important moment for him. Rolling Stone called his last film, The Cobbler, "beyond awful and beyond repair," and

it went on to become his biggest flop to date.

If Pixel is a hit, and it may be, the trailer generated 34.3 million views worldwide in its first 24 hours online, he will be redeemed — at least until his next movie's new round of toilet humour and cleavage shots.



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TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN



I watched the trailer for Southpaw, which hits theatres July 24, the day it was released because I've never met a boxing movie I didn't like. And because the trailer reveals the tragedy that afflicts boxing champion Billy "The Great" Hope (Jake Gyllenhaal), I feel I can reveal the spoiler too: his wife (Rachel McAdams) dies and Billy loses his title, his family, his wealth - everything.

You know what that means: Billy must clobber his way back to the top. That includes a prerequisite training montage. They're my favourite, especially the sequences from

Journalist A.J. Liebling's best prose was about boxing, a subject so brutal that it's perplexing how he wrote so prolifically on it

the first four Rocky films (I haven't seen V through XXXV.) The first three, which I studied via VHS tapes as a kid, use the same theme song. But Rocky IV's montage is set to a different tune. While Balboa's Russian opponent Drago runs on a futuristic treadmill flashing with lights and lasers, Rocky climbs a snow-covered mountain — a mountain! — then shouts "Drago!" from the top. If that's not good movie making, I don't know what is. My colleague and friend

Lainey likes Rocky IV best. On a recent afternoon in her office, she recited from memory Rocky's soliloquy after he defeats Drago on his Siberian home turf: "If I can change, and you can change, everybody can change!" she yelled triumphantly. "Basically, Rocky conquers communism. He ends the Cold War," Lainey said. "It's a perfect movie!"

Lainey writes about gossip

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THE MOVIE: Southpaw



and no doubt she'd notice her name drop. But I'm not interested in connecting myself to celebrity (actually, Rachel McAdams went to my high school, but whatever): I'm interested in the food Lainey eats. Because although gossip is central to the human experience, food informs it.

We've been sharing lunch

THE MEAL: 'Beef and tomato'



duties since January. The first time I tried her "beef and tomato" - marinated flank steak sliced impossibly thin, stewed tomatoes, bok choy and King mushrooms served over rice — it was like a punch to my solar plexus: it took my breathe away.

It's a dish she grew up eating. Nothing fancy, she told

me. Maybe every family has one — a dish that you've had a thousand times but never tire of. A dish filled with meaning and memory.

Journalist A.J. Liebling wrote beautifully about food and memory. But his best prose was about boxing, a subject so brutal that it's perplexing how he wrote so prolifically on it and how it's so profoundly about the human experience.

To write about boxing is to write about oneself," Joyce Carol Oates, whose father took her to see matches as a child, said, "however elliptically, and unintentionally."

It's no wonder I love both Liebling and Carol Oates' writing because the writing you love, whether it's about food or sports, is often about love itself. And no wonder that the food that's dearest to you is the sort you want to share with the people you love most.

Lainey has promised that one day she'll teach me how to make her "beef and tomato." Part of me never wants to learn. That way she'll have to keep making it for me,

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.



Amy Poehler to play NBA basketball coach

Actress and comedian Amy Poehler is set to produce and star in an upcoming comedy in which she'll take the role of a basketball coach with a chance for glory.

Currently lending her voice to Pixar's Inside Out in the role of Joy, Poehler wrapped up a seven-season run as the star of Parks and Recreation earlier this

Her new project will see the actress play a basketball coach whose career has fizzled out when she is called on to lead an NBA team, according to Variety.

Ike Barinholtz (The Mindy Project) will appear in the film and is also cowriting the script with



50 Cent on acting, Southpaw

Matt **Prigge**

The day before our phone interview with 50 Cent is the day he publicly declares bankruptcy. It doesn't take long to get an email asking that we abstain from mentioning his business affairs, as well as a couple other heavy topics. Despite this, 50 Cent is in good spirits, friendly and talkative when discussing Southpaw, the boxing drama starring Jake Gyllenhaal as Billy Hope, an anguished pugilist angling for a comeback after the death of his wife (Rachel McAdams).

The rapper and businessman plays Jordan Mains, his manager-promoter, and it's a subject he knows a lot about, having been involved in boxing for even longer than he's been appearing in movies.

Given your knowledge of boxing, how realistic did you find its portrayal of this world? There were a lot of parallels to real boxing. It felt like a real situation. It wasn't pretending to be someone

who wasn't a

real person.

There's a point where I'm saying, "On his way out make sure he doesn't break some "That's an afterthought, but it defines how he handles circumstances with his fighters. The model they live by is: if it makes money, it makes sense. That's Jordan Mains and Billy Hope's world view. They've been on this journey together. He didn't earn anything if Billy didn't earn anything.

Jordan starts off as someone who really seems to have Billy's back but eventually reveals he values business over their friendship. Do you feel he adopts a defendable position?

Well, he loves Billy initially. But what happens with fighters is when you use logic with people aren't using that as a compass, you can become frustrated. You'll

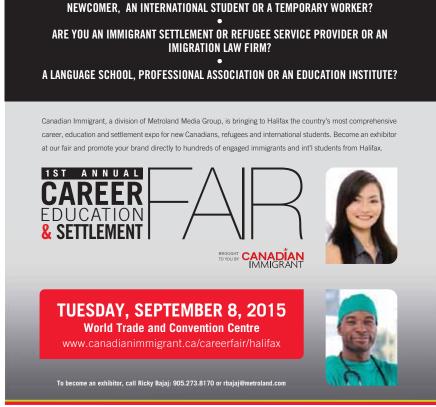
start to resent them at certain points. The fighters are throwing jazz hooks and uppercuts for something that will net \$250 million for 36 minutes of action. It's tough to tell them what their fight is

50 Cent.

worth. They expect so much for fighting the top guys in their weight class. Eventually they just want all the money. When they become a name you don't argue with them, because they don't need anybody else to make the next fight. If a manager says, "Fthis, I'm leaving," then there will be a whole new group of people who will come to him and say, "Alright, champ, let's make the next fight."

Do you see many parallels between boxing and the music industry? Both revolve heavily around stars who heavily rely on family and friends to support

Yeah. They come from the same places. The fighters, they're coming from lowincome situations in inner cities. They can relate to not having very much. When you make it, and you get to the leagues, if you're a baseball or basketball player, or you get to the championship, if you're a fighter, you say, "When I do get there I'm going to be straight. I'm going to look out for my people.' Their happiness is connected to those closest to them. If you've made it to the point where you can spend a little cash, you do things for them.



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ANIMATION. COMEDY **Pixels**

Director: Chris Columbus, Starring: Adam Sandler, Peter Dinklage, Kevin James, Josh Gad

As kids in the 1980s, Sam Brenner, Will Cooper, Ludlow Lamonsoff, and Eddie "The Fire Blaster" Plant saved the world thousands of times - at 25 cents a game in the video arcades. Now, they're going to have to do it for

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Paper Towns

Director: Jake Schreier Starring: Cara Delevingne, **Nat Wolff**

Adapted from the bestselling novel by author John Green (The Fault in Our Stars), Paper Towns is a coming-of-age story centring on Quentin and his enigmatic neighbour Margo, who loved mysteries so much she became one.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE Critics: **Audience:**

+95%



Southpaw

Director: Antoine Fugua Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Rachel McAdams

Billy Hope seemingly has it all with an impressive career, a beautiful and loving wife an adorable daughter and a lavish lifestyle. When tragedy strikes and his lifelong manager and friend (Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson) leaves him behind, Hope hits rock bottom and turns to an unlikely saviour at a rundown local gym.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE Audience:









COMEDY

What We Did On Our Holiday

Directors: Andy Hamilton, Guy Jenkin Starring: Rosamund Pike, **David Tennant**

Doug and Abi are in the midst of a difficult divorce. and have asked the kids to keep it a secret from their extended family.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE Audience:







DRAMA **Mr. Holmes**

Director: Bill Condon Starring: Ian McKellen, Laura Linney

Mr. Holmes is a new twist on the world's most famous detective. In 1947, an aging Sherlock Holmes revisits the circumstances of the unsolved case that forced him into retirement, and searches for answers to the mysteries of life and love — before it's too late.

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Me and Earl and the Dying Girl

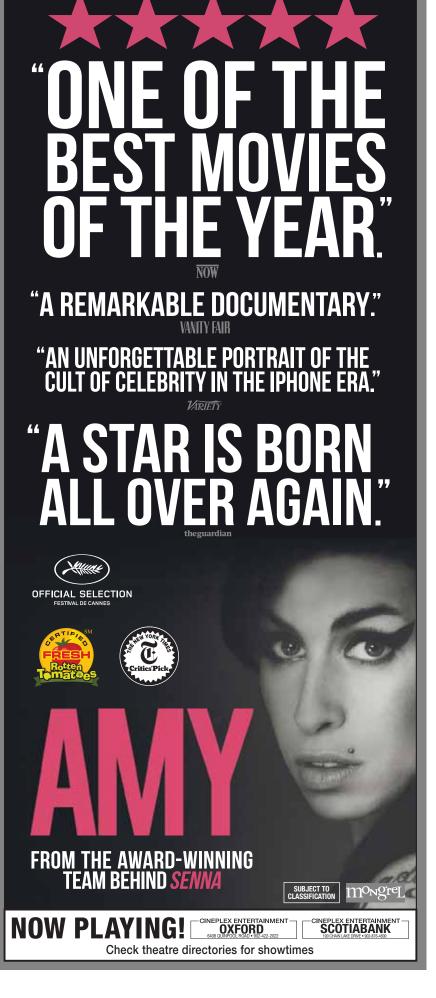
Director: Alfonso Gomez-Rejon Starring: Thomas Mann, Olivia Cooke

This Sundance winner is the story of Greg Gaines, an awkward high school senior whose mom forces him to spend time with a girl in his class who was just diagnosed with cancer.

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Unexpected shows pregnancy from a woman's POV

Steve Gow For Metro

Kris Swanberg hadn't recognized it until she'd already begun but the filmmaker made one of the only movies in history to explore pregnancy from the female point-of-view.

"I was looking at other movies just for reference (and) it occurred to me none of them were from the female perspective," said Swanberg recently, citing such male-directed childbirth classics as Knocked Up and Nine Months. "All of them are from the male perspective.'



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Kris Swanberg on referencing other films about pregnancy

Based on Swanberg's own experiences, the Chicago director set out to present pregnancy from the mother's outlook two of them, in fact. Starring Vancouver-bred actress Cobie Smulders, Unexpected tells the tale of a high-school teacher whose surprise pregnancy finds her bonding with a student, also expecting.

'The movie's very fictional-

ized; we weren't doing yoga together or anything," said Swanberg of her former student who inspired the story. "But that basic relationship is the model for the one in the film. I just thought it's so rare for someone to have a close, intimate relationship with a person outside their social class (and) going through something like pregnancy at the same time.

A tender comedy that has been praised for its authenticity, the plot plays down Hollywood's affinity for melodramatic morning sickness and frenzied fathers. Instead, Unexpected aims to explore the emotional turmoil of modern-day motherhood.

"I did have notes on the script to up the drama but to me it felt like plenty of conflict," admitted

Swanberg.
"A lot of drama in the movie is internal but that's what I was going through when I was pregnant. People aren't going through car crashes and crazy stuff people are going through what's in their heads, and I wanted to tell that story."

That's also what makes the female-perspective an important distinction. Only women can truly capture the spiritual anxiety that comes with childbirth. Well, women and possibly revered '80s filmmaker John Hughes, whose oeuvre includes the hidden-gem She's Having a Baby.

"It's told from the male perspective, (but) he was able to make these mainstream films and ground them on an emotional level," laughed Swanberg of Hughes's overlooked classic.

Smulders delivers INTERVIEW

HIMYM actor stars in new film about an unplanned pregnancy

Matt **Prigge** Metro in New York City

Since her nine-year stint on How I Met Your Mother ended, actress Cobie Smulders has divvied her time between Marvel business - she's played S.H.I.E.L.D. biggie Maria Hill in four projects so far — and indies.

Earlier this season she cussed up a storm in Andrew Bujalski's fitness-centred Results. In Unexpected she's only slightly less grouchy as a young teacher who accidentally gets knocked up. Her crankiness over her changing body, coupled with the anxiety over trying to keep her career going, dovetails with her friendship with a low-income student (Gail Bean) who's also expecting.

Metro catches up with

Smulders to talk about Canada and portrayals of pregnancy in film.

This movie is very frank about what pregnancy is like for women. Do you feel

have captured that?

None of them have gotten it right until now (laughs)! I mean, even in ours it's hard not to rely on the comedic elements of a movie dealing with pregnancy: the labour, the Lamaze breathing, the pregnancy cravings. I just don't think we've seen a woman deal with the fact that she has to stop working, or feel like



through pregnancy.

When you're pregnant and in a relationship, you have to ask, "What are you going to do?" or "When are you going to go back to work?" if you have a strong career. It's different for everybody. I thought it was interesting portraying a woman who has such a strong drive to keep working, to be a part of the work force, to have a passion other than her family — to try and wrap her head around it while going through so many changes.

> In America, at least, there's still a fight to get more maternal leave, or at least keep it at what

I hope we can get to a place in our society where every job and every workforce is understanding towards having a family – that a woman has to take a break and that a man does, too.

Growing up in Canada we have paternity leave, which is amazing, as well as a healthy maternity leave. In this industry I've been lucky. You are self-employed. I love checking that box whenever I'm filling out a government form.

There's something very freeing about being on your own schedule, but there's also something terrifying about taking time off.

Kris Swanberg comes from a very collaborative filmmaking background. Could you sense that you were involved in the process? She was very open with me,

BACKGROUND

Hollywood's blockbuster pregnancy pictures

Knocked Up (2007)

Seth Rogen plays a stoner who reluctantly does the right thing after impregnating a one-night stand.

Nine Months (1995)

After his girlfriend gets pregnant, the life of childpsychologist Hugh Grant slips into sheer disarray.

Baby Mama (2008)

Uptight, career-minded Tina Fey hires slouch Amy Poehler to be her surrogate.

The Back-Up Plan (2010)

Jennifer Lopez meets the man of her dreams immediately after being artificially inseminated with twins. STEVE GOW/FOR METRO

probably because I related to what Samantha was going through, being a mother myself, and being a working mom at that. I was able to have a lot of input in the script. She'd even add scenes

I was really adamant about I wouldn't say adamant. The Canadian version of being adamant is saying, "Hey, I had an idea, don't worry about it, I know you've scouted everything and it will be a pain in the ass, but I had this idea ... if it's OK, if it's not too much

That's me being adamant.

Excitable Green behind the scenes



Ehrbar Metro | Life

Paper Towns is only the second movie made from a novel by John Green, so it's understandable that the Fault in Our Stars author is still not the most savvy person on set. It's not really a problem, except when his enthusiasm can ruin the audio for a pivotal love scene.

"I was so excited because (actor) Justice (Smith) put this line back in, 'I always think about imagining Santa complexly when I'm eating my Lucky Charms with my black Santa spoon.' I know that I wrote that line, but I also find it very funny. And I found it particularly funny when Justice was saying it," Green explains. "I was laughing the whole time they were making

out, jumping up and down and yelping. But I thought I was far enough away that my joy would not be audible. But it turns out that yeah, they had to fix the audio. They have to take out

That sense of audible joy is justifiable, given the breakout success Green has found in film following similar success with his books. Last year's Fault in Our Stars was a certified hit, and he and the team behind it are hoping for a repeat with Paper Towns. But don't expect a retread.

"This isn't Fault in Our Stars 2: Electric Boogaloo. It's clearly a very different film, and it has a very different tone and a different world," Green says. "We all knew that we were making a very different kind of movie from The Fault in Our Stars. So I didn't feel pressure, I just felt

"I was much more nervous the first time around than this time around because I knew I trusted everyone involved in the project. So for me it's just been joyful, the whole process, which is really lucky because authors generally do not feel that way about the movie adaptations of their books."

And onscreen, at least one familiar face from the previous film takes center stage, with Fault in Our Stars supporting player Nat Wolff stepping into the lead for Paper Towns. It's something Green would totally take credit for if he could.

"I'm not a movie executive, I don't know how to make movies," Green says. "But pretty much every day during the Fault in Our Stars shoot I would lean forward to the producers and say, You know what you guys should do? You should make a movie



a reluctant

mother-to-be

Cara Delevingne stars in Paper Towns. HANDOUT

of Paper Towns.' And you know who should play Q? Nat Wolff.

"'Nat Wolff should play Q. Have you guys thought about Nat Wolff?' And, yeah, it worked."

CARA DELEVINGNE STARS

Cara can't drive

A major part of the plot for Paper Towns involves an epic, end-of-senioryear road trip up the east coast from Orlando, Fla. to upstate New York. While Cara Delevingne's character, Margot Roth Spiegelman, is the one who sets the trip in motion by disappearing and leaving clues for neighbourhood pal Q (Nat Wolff), she hasn't had much experience on the road herself.

"I don't drive, I've never been on one. But if you're offering, I'm very happy to take you up on that offer," she says with a game grin. "I am better than Nat at driving."

In the film - and in the bestselling John Green novel upon which it is based - Margot is con-

stantly at odds with her disapproving parents, who just don't understand her eccentric ways and have lost their patience. That was one part of the mysterious character that Delevingne had trouble

"My parents have always been very supportive of what I've wanted to do," she says. "I wanted to be an actor since I was really young and I wanted to do that as early as possible. But all they wanted was for me to be happy, to finish school and do that."

But there might be some friends' parents who think she's a bad influence, though. "No comment," she offers with a laugh when pressed on the subject.

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Tee time in the Bow Valley

ALBERTA

Nature on full display for golfers in Canmore



For years Canmore was one of the best kept secrets in the Rocky Mountains: a town with the same spectacular scenery as nearby Banff, but hipper, friendlier and more affordable.

Located just outside the gates of Banff National Park, 104 kilometres west of Calgary, Canmore is an ideal home base for a mountain golf holiday. But also budget time between rounds for hiking, kayaking, rafting and the other summer activities that annually help draw more than a million overnight visitors to the rapidly growing community of 13,000.

Two of Canada's most dramatically scenic golf courses have been carved through the Bow Valley corridor minutes from Canmore's lively down-

At Stewart Creek Golf and Country Club, golfers are treated to a thrill ride of elevation changes on a Gary Browning-de-



The ninth hole on Silvertip Golf Course. The course features glacial ponds and forest-lined freeways, as well as cliff-top tee shots. At right, the view from Canmore's Main Street, with the Rocky Mountains in the background. ISTOCK

signed layout set in the shadow of the Three Sisters, an aweinspiring three-peak massif.

Silvertip Golf Course, on the opposite side of the corridor, is just as thrilling. Glacial ponds and forest-lined fairways define a design by Canmorebased architect Les Furber that

includes several cliff-top tee

And right in town is Canmore Golf and Curling Club. This older, classically designed layout offers many of the same mountain golf experiences found at higher-profile Stewart Creek and Silvertip - mountain vistas, forests of towering fir trees, a meandering glacial river — at about half the cost.

But the biggest draw for golfers is the Banff Springs Golf Course, just inside the park's gates in the alpine town worldrenowned for both its beauty and the iconic Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

In the valley below the 764room Castle in the Mountains, legendary Canadian architect Stanley Thompson built the first course anywhere to cost more than \$1 million. Opened in 1929, the Banff Springs has long been included in virtually every ranking of the game's

leading layouts, and its most celebrated hole, the par-three Devil's Cauldron, numbers among the most

photographed in golf.

Visitors often make the mistake of neglecting Canmore in favour of glitzier Banff. But Canmore is equally beguiling in its own unpretentious way. Pubs, coffee shops, boutiques and art galleries line the streets of a town that is said to be home to more Olympic athletes than any

other place in the world.

Towering over the community are the magnificent peaks of the Rundle Mountain Range. The fast-rushing Bow River snakes through Canmore's heart, while a network of wildlife corridors and trails spreads out in every direction.

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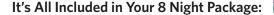


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Road blocks and pit stops

REALITY TV

What it's like to be a contestant on The Amazing Race



ONTHE MOVE
Loren
Christie

I am a super-fan of the Amazing Race, TV's reality show meets frenetic travelogue. Needless to say, when producers of the Amazing Race Canada asked me to run a leg of the race to celebrate the start of Season 3, I was thrilled.

As one half of Team Canada AM along with on-air weather presenter Lyndsay Morrison, I quickly realized how much harder it is to be a contestant than a critical armchair competitor.

After running almost four hours I can say that what you see on TV, although edited, is real. It's what you don't see that makes you more sympathetic towards racers who seemingly underperform.

An inauspicious start

Each team races with a producer and cameraman in tow, whom you must keep within 20 feet of you at all times. On our 35-degree race day it was a struggle for our crew, lugging 60 pounds of camera equipment, to sprint



Loren Christie and Lyndsay Morrison, in the dark grey shirts, represented for Team Canada AM in the Amazing Race Canada media challenge. MARK O'NEILL

around Toronto in search of cabs. Racers are not allowed to carry

any handheld devices to aid in directions, so you are reliant on the knowledge of strangers. The first clue directed us to Stanley Park.

Neither of us had heard of a Stanley Park in Toronto, but thankfully a well-meaning stranger caught up in our excitement

Of course we never bothered to verify his directions, which turned out to be wrong.

We ended up being the seventh team out of nine to arrive at the first challenge.

Change of luck

Only one of us could do the Road Block. The only guideline the clue gave was to ask, "Who is more patriotic?"

For no real reason, we chose Lyndsay to represent. The chal-

lenge was to sing O Canada in English and French by memory. Bilingual songstress Lyndsay, unlike members of the other teams, hit it out of the park and we were off on our next task. Thank goodness — if it had been me, we would still be there.

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Between doing puzzles and knocking solo cups off of sticks with Frisbees, we quickly lost track of where we stood in the race. The fear of being last results in a continuous rush of adrenalin.

Driving to the Hard Rock Cafe in Dundas Square, the Pit Stop for our leg of the race, we saw another team sprinting ahead of us. Lyndsay and I jumped out of our cab, they went right — we went left.

We choose correctly and when host Jon Montgomery announced we were team ... number ... 2, I felt like I had won the lottery.

TRAVEL NOTES COMFY SEATS, HIGHER VIEWS, ISLAND TREATS

Seat upgrade

Thanks to staggered seating, the new Cozy Suite by Thompson Aero Seating gives everybody in Economy a bit more elbow room, especially if you're saddled with the middle seat. The design offers better aisle access and side headrests for no-nod napping. Airlines can actually fit more passengers in the cabin. Everybody wins.



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Foodie favourite

The Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival is back for its sixth year, running Nov. 19 to 22. Now is the time to plan a weekend in what's known as the culinary capital of the Caribbean — and the birthplace of rum. Bajan and international chefs will ply audiences with delicious demos. Visit Food-WineRum.com.



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65th gold medal and counting

PAN AM 2015

Water-skiing win helps Canada break previous best

Canada set a new national record for gold medals won at the Pan American Games on Thursday, the 13th day of competition.

Water-skier Whitney Mc-Clintock took first place in the women's slalom event — her second top finish of these Games – to give Canada 65 gold medals in total.

The previous record of 64 was set in Winnipeg in 1999.

This is great, I'm a happy girl," McClintock said. "I've got the two (medals) I came for already. The rest are a bonus."

McClintock, who won gold Wednesday in the overall competition, finished first in the sixskier slalom field to kick off a six-medal Thursday for Canadian water-skiers. Ryan Dodd capped the effort with a gold medal in the men's jump competition on a warm, sunny afternoon on the waterfront.

McClintock, from Cambridge, Ont., later added silver medals in the tricks and jump finals and her brother Jason won silver in the men's slalom.

"Unfortunately I wasn't able to get as warm as I needed to and I just kind of stuck," Jason McClintock said.

In the men's tricks, Jaret Llewellyn of Innisfail, Alta., won silver with 10,550 points. American Adam Pickos won gold

Later in the day, Canada



Whitney McClintock won two gold, two silver

earned the gold medal in the team equestrian competition at Caledon Pan Am Equestrian Park, located approximately 65 kilometres north of Toronto.

The Canadians finished the two-round competition with seven faults, one less than Argentina. The U.S. earned the bronze with 12 faults.

The Canadian team consisted of Tiffany Foster of North Vancouver, B.C., 2008 Olympic champion Eric Lamaze of Schomberg, Ont., Yann Candele of Caledon, Ont., and Ian Millar of Perth, Ont., who's making his 10th consecutive Pan Am appearance.

Francois Lavoie of Quebec City

and Dan MacLelland of Kitchener, Ont., also won a gold medal in men's doubles bowling with a total of 5,607 pins.

Canadian sprinting phenom Andre De Grasse advanced to the final of the men's 200-metre race with a third-place finish (21.2) in his semifinal heat.

De Grasse, from Markham, Ont., won gold in the 100 metres on Wednesday night. He holds the Canadian 200-metre record (20.03). THE CANADIAN PRESS

🚹 SEASONED VETERAN

Water-skier Llewellyn still making waves at 45

Jaret Llewellyn will turn 45 next week and he just won two medals in Pan Am Games water-skiing, competing against the best in the world, all of them about half his age or younger.

So what's an elder statesman doing - surviving — in a sport that should be a young person's game?

"I've been lucky," said the native of Innisfail, Alta. "At a young

age, when I started. the top athletes didn't aret Llewellyn THE CANADIAN PRESS missed a bronze after posting the same distance as Chile's Felipe Miranda in men's jumping. On Wednesday, he earned a silver in the men's overall compe-Llewellyn is a Can-

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I grew up like that and that's

why I lasted so long ... no

one else has lasted as long

Llewellyn took silver in

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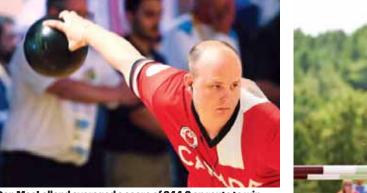
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adian sports icon, and his impact was felt by competitors. "He was on the national team before I was born," said Whitney Mc-Clintock. "Everyone on our team, everyone competing here for Canada, Jaret's coached them at some point in their lives. He's

someone I always look up

to." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Dan MacLelland averaged a score of 244.2 en route to winning gold in men's doubles bowling with partner Francois Lavoie. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Eric Lamaze earned a gold in the team equestrian competition in Caledon, Ont., Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Josh Donaldson homered against his former team on Thursday in Oakland.

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Jays bats keep on bashing

The highest-scoring offence in the majors is heating up at the

Russell Martin homered, doubled and drove in three runs, Josh Donaldson went deep against his former team and the Toronto Blue Jays powered past the Oakland Athletics 5-2 on Thursday.

'Our one through nine is the best in baseball," Donaldson said. "I think we continue to go out there on a night in, night out basis and continue to show that."

The Blue Jays have scored 508 runs, by far the best in the majors. The next closest team, the New York Yankees, has scored 434.

Toronto continued its pop at the plate to give knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (4-10) all the support he needed. Dickey allowed two runs and five hits in 8-1/3 innings in place of ill starter Drew Hutchison, who is scheduled to take the mound in Friday's series opener at Seattle instead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



It felt like it just hit me at once. It's going to take some time to sink some stuff in.

Scott Kazmir who was traded from Oakland to the Houston Astros before



Lou goes Blue and White

Leafs hire **longtime Devils** boss as new GM

Brendan Shanahan's new-school Toronto Maple Leafs front office built on his philosophy of differing viewpoints has a new voice, and this one comes with some 30 years of NHL experience.

Shanahan, who's a year into his duties as team president, believes new general manager Lou Lamoriello "will fit in very, very well and be an incredible boost" to what the Leafs are trying to accomplish. Shanahan went looking for experience to join Kyle Dubas, Mark Hunter and Brandon Pridham in management, and no one has more than Lamoriello.

"If I could map out or draw out a description of the kind of person that we wanted, it would be Lou," Shanahan told a news conference Thursday. "I've always thought that there are certain advantages to hiring people on their way up that are looking to prove themselves and have that sort of hunger and energy to make a name for themselves. But I do think that we were lacking in some experience.'

In charge of the New Jersey Devils since 1987, the 72-yearold Lamoriello was the longestserving GM in NHL history. Along the way, his teams won the Stanley Cup three times, a pedigree he brings to the Leafs, who are trying to build a championship contender.

Lamoriello becomes the oldschool GM working under the Hall of Fame player and overseeing assistants Hunter, Dubas



Brendan Shanahan and Lou Lamoriello speak to reporters in Toronto on Thursday. GALIT RODAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

and Pridham, also NHL management rookies. He'll also work with coach Mike Babcock, who's signed for eight years and \$50 million US and has committed to a long-range plan for success.

"Brendan's hired some very good people kind of a little bit on an entry level, at the levels they are coming into the league," said Pittsburgh Penguins GM Jim Rutherford, who made a similar transition last year leaving the Carolina Hurricanes. "To add an experienced guy like Lou, I think it was very smart on the Leafs' part, and it'll be a good fit."

Lamoriello's comfortable fit for the past 28 years was gripping the reins of the Devils and asserting just about total control. New Jersey was his team until Ray

Shero took over as GM in May, leaving Lamoriello as team president. one," Shero said. "He's a pretty amazing person, and he's in the Hall of Fame for a reason. They're

going to find that out.' Although Lamoriello said he was told he'd have autonomy as GM, Shanahan made it clear in conversations "the kind of environment and organiza-

"I think this benefits every-

Lamoriello has a relationship with the Leafs' president dating to 1987, when he drafted Shanahan.

tion" of collaboration he was building. Lamoriello is OK with Shanahan not wearing a tie to work every day and might have to let Hunter keep his facial hair, and he's fine with sharing decision-making responsibilities.

"No one makes any decision without consulting the people that are around them and their supporting staff," Lamoriello said. "Everybody works together. They don't work for each other. Everybody will be part of every process.'

The process of remaking the Leafs is already under way.

Since taking over, Shanahan



Signed to a three-year deal, Lamoriello will be almost 76 when it expires. One of his duties will be to mentor the 28-year-old Kyle Dubas, who Lamoriello believes will grow into an NHL GM.

fired several assistant coaches, executives and scouts, Randy Carlyle and Dave Nonis and presided over the trade of Phil Kessel to the Penguins. Yet there are still plenty of big decisions to make, as Kessel is unlikely to be the only core player sent packing.

Shanahan is still setting the vision, but now it's Lamoriello's job to execute it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tewksbury donates gold to museum

I think having Lou in the

for him to mentor us all.

Brendan Shanahan

organization is an opportunity

Swimming legend Mark Tewksbury says it's only fitting that he present his gold medal from the 1992 Olympic Games to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg.

Tewksbury says he couldn't have won the 100-metre backstroke in Barcelona if he hadn't had the support of people who knew he was gay.

Tewksbury, who came out publicly in 1998, says he felt unsafe doing so before then.

His medal will be part of a



new exhibition at the human rights museum that explores the power of sport to inspire positive change.

"I've always **Tewksbury** said for me that THE CANADIAN medal is a human

rights medal," Tewksbury said

Thursday. "It was done because someone created a space for me to be me.'

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Bayern close in on Vidal

Bayern Munich says it's close to signing Chile midfielder Arturo Vidal from Italian champion Juventus. Chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said during a trip to China on Thursday that

Bayern has agreed terms with both Juventus and Vidal. THE

ASSOCIAT-

Brady deal met with silence: Union

The players' union proposed a settlement on Tom Brady's four-game suspension last week that was "met with silence" by the NFL, a person familiar with the proposal told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Thursday because the NFL Players Association's offer was confidential. There is no timetable on when commissioner Roger Goodell will rule on the New England quarterback's appeal.



indicated the union's proposal called for Brady paying a large fine, but no suspension. The Patriots paid a record \$1 million fine and

were stripped of two draft picks, including a No. 1 selection.

Brady was suspended for his role in using underinflated balls in the Pats' AFC title win over the Colts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Blatter's FFIA career winds down

Sepp Blatter left the security of Switzerland for the first time in two months on Thursday, arriving for the 2018 World Cup qualifying draw, with Russia saying that communication with FIFA has been disrupted by the corruption crisis.

Blatter will no longer be FIFA president by the time of the 2018 World Cup in Russia, with the 79-yearold Swiss due to leave office in seven months after almost 18 years in power.

The draw for World Cup qualifying is on Saturday as Russia prepares for its first major football event in three years.

Panama accuses ref of favouring Mexico

The Panamanian Football Federation has demanded the removal of CONCACAF's referee selection panel after describing the officiating in the Gold Cup semifinal loss to Mexico as "insulting and embarrassing."

The FPF, in a statement on Thursday, also accused the match officials of favouring Mexico "in a vulgar and shameless way."

In the bad-tempered semi in Atlanta on Wednesday, Panama forward Luis Tejada was red-carded in the 24th minute, but the team led 1-0 until stoppage time when Roman Torres was penalized for a hand-ball. Mexico converted that penalty, and another in extra time to win 2-1.

After the match, the Panamanian players posed for a photo under a banner calling CONCACAF corrupt thieves

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Johnson keeps life in focus

RETIRED

Former pitching great trades mound for camera

With great enthusiasm, in great detail, Randy Johnson talks of watching through a camera lens as wild dogs in Africa chased a leopard from the carcass of a gazelle, and how the leopard stayed warily nearby for his chance to salvage what food it could. He witnessed female lions work to extract a dead baby elephant floating down a river, the male lion watching from above on a nearby ridge.

He has photographed rock star friends from onstage and taken his cameras on USO tours to military installations around the world.

Somewhere along the way, Johnson's intimidating glare has faded away. Often a broad smile is in its place.

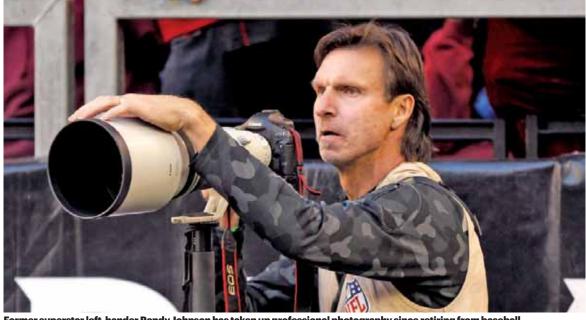
Johnson clearly is enjoying life after baseball.

"As you know, I was extremely intense when I played. I just felt like I was wired that way," said Johnson, who will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame this weekend. "Since I retired I'd like to think that I'm not wound as tight because the expectations of whatever those expectations are every fifth day aren't there anymore."

Mark Grace played against Johnson before becoming a teanmate on Arizona's 2001 World Series championship team.

"Randy played with fury," said Grace, now the Diamondbacks' assistant hitting coach. "I couldn't play angry. I'd have been swinging at everything if I'd played angry. But he had to be that way. That's what worked for him."

He was moody and could be



Former superstar left-hander Randy Johnson has taken up professional photography since retiring from baseball. PAUL CONNORS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

short with reporters, and God forbid if some novice scribe ventured to Johnson's corner of the clubhouse the day before he was to pitch.

When he left baseball, photography was a natural outlet for Johnson. He had been a photojournalism major at USC.

"I'm not any good, I just enjoy it," he said. "I really kind of look at it as a great outlet and it was a great way to go into that from baseball."



Randy Johnson won four consecutive Cy Young Awards, pitched a perfect game and won a World Series with the Arizona Diamondbacks, who will retire his No. 51 on Aug. 8. As in baseball, "I have a game plan of what I'm doing," he said.

"And I have that tunnel vision and I'm looking through that camera lens at my subject matter," Johnson said. "On the day I pitched I was looking at the catcher's glove and I was extremely focused. So there's some parallels to both of those. I think It's a good release for me to do something I enjoy doing, and there's really no expectations, either."

It's no private hobby for a man who had led such a private life away from the ballpark when he was playing. He has a website, rj51photos.

the has a website, rj51photos. com, to exhibit his work. He's also on Instagram and plugs it in interviews.

There, you will find that majestic leopard, a piece of the ill-fated gazelle's ribcage in its mouth. There's another photo

of a surfer riding a big wave. And Ozzy Osbourne riding on Johnson's back, making an obscene gesture at the camera. There are photos of wounded veterans. Johnson is a big supporter of the Wounded Warriors program and will have wounded soldiers among his guests at his Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

When he left the game, Johnson for years kept baseball at arm's length, as if to be decompressing from 22 years of professional play, a time he worked tirelessly to condition his body, hone his craft and maintain that searing inner strength.

Only in recent years has he eased back into it.

This year, as his first-ballot Hall of Fame election was announced, Johnson was hired by the Diamondbacks as a special assistant to team President

I'm not any good, I just enjoy it.

Randy Johnson

Derrick Hall.

His duties include working with players in the Diamondbacks farm system, often assuring them he had many struggles before reaching the top of his profession.

"He let us know early on his greatest interest was going to our affiliates and spending time with our youngsters," Hall said. "He has made some trips for us and spent time with the pitching staffs. His success and experience have been widely embraced and his influence is already being felt."

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NASCAF

Sniper's brother honoured

Jeff Kyle raced up to 150 mph during a recent charity drive at Texas Motor Speedway, a welcome relief for the former Marine.

"Yeah, I wasn't getting shot at, so it was a good thing," he said. The brother of Chris Kyle of American Sniper fame will be

American Sniper fame will be honoured this weekend at the NASCAR race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The race at the Brickyard is officially named "The Crown Presents the Jeff Kyle 400" after Kyle was selected over a list of other nominees.

Chris Kyle and his friend,

Chad Littlefield, were shot to death by former Marine Eddie Ray Routh in 2013 at a Texas gun range. Jeff Kyle serves as a board member of American Valor, the foundation that runs the memorial benefit to honour his brother, a Navy SEAL whose memoir was turned into an Oscar-nominated movie.

"It's a huge honour for me to able to continue on with something my brother started," Kyle said.

On Friday, Indianapolis will dye a downtown canal purple in Kyle's honour as well as for all past and present men and women of the U.S. military. Mayor Gregory Ballard will present Kyle with a proclamation declaring that July 24 will be "Jeff Kyle Day" in Indianapolis. The canal will remain purple for the remainder of race weekend.

The 37-year-old Kyle, of Lorena, Texas, is a Marine Corps sergeant who served from 2000-08 in the infantry and reserves. He received the Navy Achievement Medal, and he was deployed to Iraq twice, along with Africa and several other locations overseas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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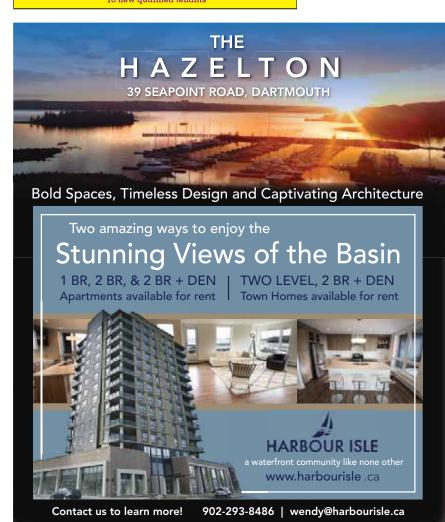
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Serves 4

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Prep time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 4 cups diced watermelon
- •1 cup thinly sliced baby cucumber, cut into half moons
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onions
- 1/4 cup chopped mint or basil
- 3 Tbsp toasted chopped cashews

- 1 oz crumbled goat cheese
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice Salt and pepper

Directions

1. On a serving plate, add watermelon and cucumber. Garnish with onions, mint, cashews and goat cheese.

2. In a bowl, mix oil, juice and salt and pepper. Pour over salad and toss gently.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 180
- Protein 3 g
- Carbohydrates 18 g
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***IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20 What are your limits? How far can you push yourself? These are the sort of questions you will be asking today and over the weekend. The answers depend entirely on you. Nothing is beyond you if you want it enough.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 Resist the urge to criticize today, especially on the domestic front. It would be nice if everyone were as laidback as you but they're not, so make allowances.

I Gemini May 22 - June 21 You may be free to come and go but you are reluctant to head off into the unknown. Your horizons have been limited for too long. Freedom means nothing unless you have courage.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 Take care that, in your attempts to impress someone new, you don't spend more than you can afford. You need to get both your emotional and material priorities right.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 As your confidence returns so does your tendency to take risks and that could be dangerous. Your head may be in the clouds but keep your feet on the ground.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 You will want to be by yourself over the next few days. Others may find that hard to accept but you must not allow them to persuade you to go places and do things that you would rather avoid.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 You will go all out for glory today. There's a good chance you'll upset those who prefer the status quo. You are under no obligation to play down your ambitions just to please them.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Now that the sun is moving through the career area of your chart you will aim higher than before. You will face a lot of challenges but you will never doubt that you have what it takes.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 The sun in Leo will encourage you to think in new ways. It won't be long until you realize what you've been missing over the years. A slight shift in awareness will lead to major changes in your philosophy of life.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 The time has come to confront your demons. Don't be afraid to probe into areas of your mind that you would normally avoid. Don't be afraid to question your real motives. Don't be afraid to confront your true self.

Aquarius Ian 21 - Feb 19 If you try to put one over on partners and colleagues they will see through your tactics and turn them against you. You must be open and honest.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20 You have only yourself to blame for allowing people to take advantage of you. Look seriously at what you do for other people then start doing less

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